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Gold drive to save Korea

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Answering a call to help their country, tens of thousands of South Koreans swarmed into banks Tuesday to sell or donate gold in a nationwide campaign to raise badly needed dollars.

A high school teacher brought in gold keys she had received as birthday gifts. A star baseball player sold $9,000 worth of gold baseball medals and miniature gloves and bats.

The monthlong campaign, launched by a bank and state-run TV, is intended to help South Korea repay $57 billion owed to the International Monetary Fund in emergency rescue funds.

For weeks, South Koreans have been collecting spare change and turning in their foreign currency. Last week, state TV reported that Koreans privately hold an estimated 2,000 tons of gold worth $20 billion: Workers rallied to collect jewelry and other items, and the gold drive quickly spread.

On Monday, more than 45,000 people turned in 7,300 pounds of gold worth a total of $33 million. Enthusiasm grew Tuesday, with 88,500 people selling or donating 15,044 pounds.

Many private companies, including Samsung, Daewoo and Shinsegae Department Store chain, also joined in the campaign, collecting 264 pounds of gold worth $1.2 million so far.

Song Yoon-sook, a 31-year-old homemaker, went to Shinsegae's main store in downtown Seoul Tuesday to shop, "but I also wanted to sell my gold rings," she said. "I hope it would help our country in a difficult time."

South Korea, which boomed in the 1980s and '90s to become the world's 11th largest economy, has fallen into financial crisis - with blame centered on heavily indebted businesses.

Hundreds of thousands of people have been put out of work. Share prices have tumbled, along with the value of the Korean won. In exchange for the IMF's record bailout package, South Korea has ordered tough remedies.

People selling their gold to exporters, at less-than-market prices, are to be paid within a month. The gold is being melted into bars and then sold abroad. Gold donations also were welcome, but only a tiny portion of Monday's haul - 8.8 pounds - was given freely.

"We are really surprised at the huge public support. It is a lot more than we expected," said Cho Shin-keun, an official in charge of the campaign at Korea Housing and Commercial Bank.

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AFP Photo

From left, a South Korean boy and man sign their names on a document promising not to buy foreign goods. The South Korean government is asking its people to sell or donate their gold in an effort to pay back the $57 billion dollar International Monetary Fund loan.

okstore estigates ate cards

By SARA EBERT
News Editor

Beware! As the saying goes, sounds too good to be true, it e. In the case of a BYU discount card, it was.

ount card known as The oard Savings Card offered ers a 10 percent discount on el at the BYU Bookstore. re sold in pairs with a price o for $5, but with a hitch. kstore never authorized the is now looking for its sell-

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nts who are cardholders or formation on the cards are o call the Utah Consumer on Agency's attorney, Mark d at (801) 530-6929.

New mayor takes oath

By KRISTEN SONNE
City Editor

Provo Mayor Lewis K. Billings and three Provo City Council members were inaugurated Monday.

United States Congressman Chris Cannon (R-UT) conducted the ceremony.

Cindy L. Richards, Paul R. Warner and Gregory A. Hudnall took their oath of office to serve as council members for the next four years. Following this, they spoke about their aspirations for their term of office. Hudnall is entering his second term of office.

Hudnall said one thing he would like to do is to reach out to those who are forgotten. He said, "Let us unite (as a city) for a better cause."

Former Provo Mayor George O. Stewart tearfully said his four years as mayor were the best of his professional life. Some of the accomplishments he said the city accomplished while he was mayor were: the construction of the mall in Provo, the shops at Riverwoods, a solution to Academy Square, 20 additional police officers, a new fire station on the west side, repaving of sidewalks, three major hotels in Provo and the double ice sheet being constructed at Seven Peaks.

Billings said he would like the residents to get involved and let the city know what needs to be done.

He announced a new procedure for hearing residents' concerns. The first Mayor's Night In will be Feb. 12 at 5:30 p.m. at city hall. Billings invited residents to come and address questions and concerns with each department head. He said that no appointment is necessary.

Billings said some goals for the next four years include not raising taxes, filling the rooms in the downtown hotels and attracting companies for jobs that pay a liveable wage.

Other concerns he listed were controlling traffic, ensuring public safety, Academy Square funding, completing the ice arena at Seven Peaks and preparing for the sesquicentennial celebration in April 1999.

Random killings threaten peace talks in Ireland

Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Accused of random killings despite a cease-fire, the commanders of Northern Ireland's largest pro-British paramilitary group admitted Monday they are debating "a return to war."

The declaration came as rising violence threatened stalled peace talks on Northern Ireland's political future.

At Monday's funeral for the latest victim, Roman Catholic Bishop Patrick Walsh appealed for an end to the political jockeying.

"Do not dispirit us with any further petty shows of rancor, bitterness, ill temper. There is so much at stake — lives are at stake," Walsh implored at the funeral for Eddie Treanor.

Treanor, 31, was shot to death by two masked gunmen as he sat beside his girlfriend in a north Belfast pub on New Year's Eve. Five other Catholics were wounded in the attack claimed by a renegade gang opposed to the peace talks, the Loyalist Volunteer Force — but blamed in many quarters on the Ulster Defense Association, a party to the talks.

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> *— Roman Catholic Bishop Patrick Walsh*

The Loyalist Volunteers, who also killed a Catholic at a rural hotel last week, said they were punishing Northern Ireland's minority Catholics for the Dec. 27 assassination of its founder, Billy "King Rat" Wright.

An IRA splinter gang opposed to the talks, the Irish National Liberation Army, killed Wright inside the high-security Maze prison.

Treanor's funeral came amid intense political activity in Belfast and London aimed at keeping as many parties as possible involved in the negotiations on Northern Ireland's future. They are supposed to resume Jan. 12 and conclude by May.

Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam met delegations from nine parties Monday, including the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party and representatives of the two major pro-British paramilitary groups, the Ulster Defense Association and the Ulster Volunteer Force.

John White, a negotiator for the UDA's Ulster Democratic Party who spent 18 years in prison for butchering a Catholic politician and his Protestant girlfriend, said after meeting Mowlam that his group was considering "a return to war."

But White said he would meet UDA commanders imprisoned at Maze on Tuesday "to convince the prisoners of the importance of us staying in this (peace) process."

Ulster Volunteer Force negotiators had threatened to boycott Mowlam, but changed their minds at the last minute.

Sinn Fein joined the negotiations after the IRA stopped its campaign against British rule last July, its second cease-fire since 1994.

The pro-British paramilitary groups have been involved from the start of negotiations in June 1996 because of their joint October 1994 cease-fire.

In London, the province's largest party, the Ulster Unionists, urged Prime Minister Tony Blair to offer concessions soon to the Ulster Defense Association and the Ulster Volunteer Force.

Both paramilitary groups have grown increasingly frustrated that the British government has refused to offer early paroles to its prisoners — while the Irish government has already freed most of the IRA prisoners within its jurisdiction.

The UDA's approximately 130 members inside the top-security Maze prison voted Sunday to oppose the current peace talks.

The UDA's commander inside Maze, Sam McCrory, told the BBC that the cease-fire "probably is more shaky than ever" and that prisoners would support a return to bloodshed "100 percent."

tudents shut out of AIM system

CAMERON FULLER
Senior Reporter

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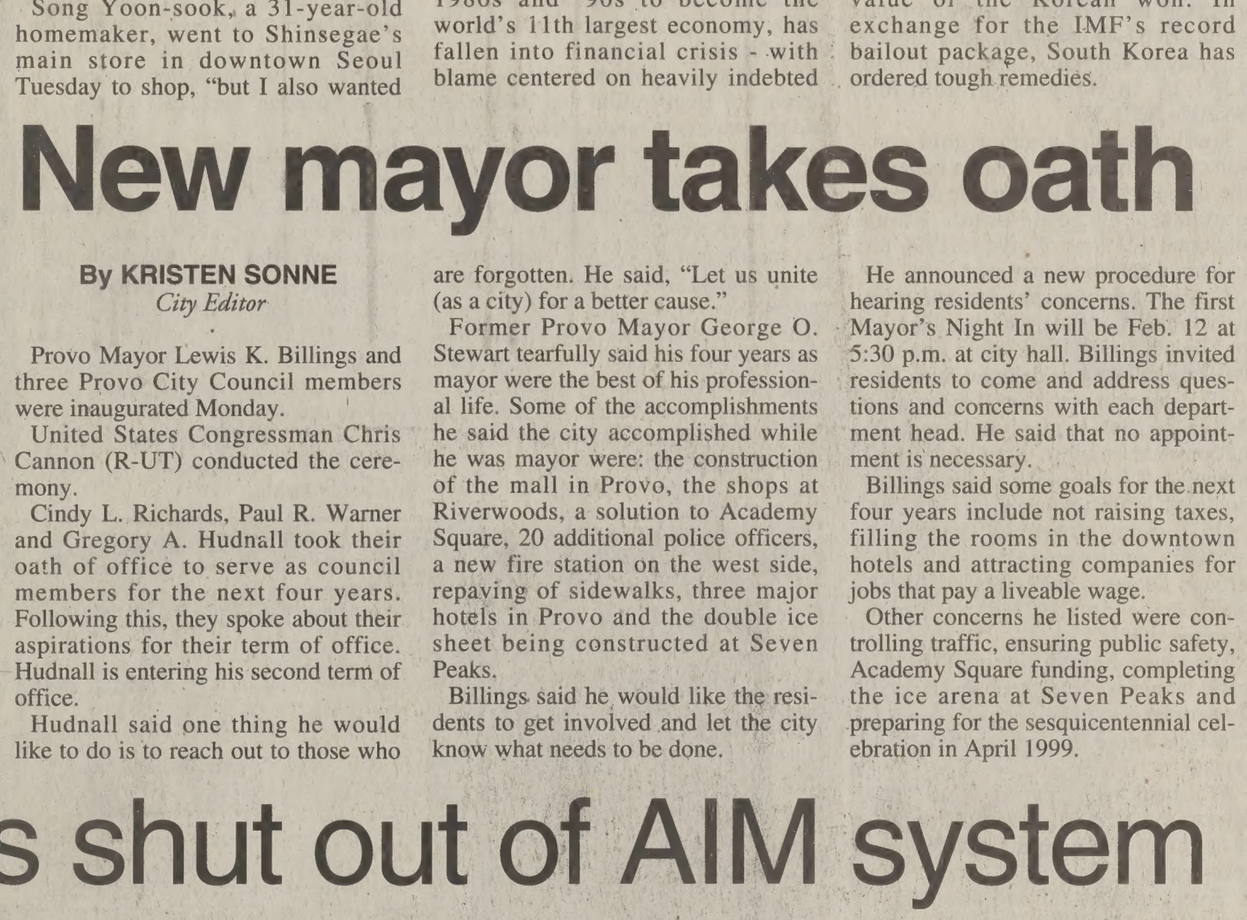

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Puan Xayasaeng a freshman from California majoring in social work, gets help with her schedule from Elizabeth Moses. Many students take advantage of the help, which is offered in the Step-Down Lounge of the Smith Family Living Center.

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Police hear woman's death in 911 call

CHAPLIN, Conn. — A woman dropped the phone during a 911 call, leaving the line open and allowing police to record her death.

"Police were able to hear the killing occur," prosecutor Mark Solak said.

David Messenger, 46, was ordered held on $900,000 bond Monday on a charge that he killed his wife, Heather, 42, during a domestic dispute early Saturday.

Messenger was standing in his doorway when a pair of state troopers appeared on the front steps. "She's dead. I killed her in self-defense," Messenger told them, according to a police report.

His wife was found lying face down in a pool of blood in her bedroom.

Solak said the couple started to fight, and Messenger flung his wife more than 10 feet off the back porch. She then ran upstairs, barricaded herself in her bedroom and dialed 911. As the bedroom door burst open, she dropped the phone, Solak said.

An autopsy showed Mrs. Messenger died from blunt trauma to the head.

Thousands to view Diana's grave

LONDON — Callers snapped up all the weekend tickets to view Princess Diana's grave by Tuesday, and one-fourth of all tickets available have been sold in the first two days of telephone sales.

A spokeswoman for Althorp Park, the home of the Spencer family, said a total of 40,000 tickets were purchased by Tuesday afternoon. All tickets for the first and last day of the estate's two-month summer tour season have been sold.

Callers were limited to buying a total of six of the $15.60 tickets.

Only 2,500 visitors will be allowed in each day between July 1, Diana's birthday, and Aug. 30.

In previous years, parts of the estate have been open to the public for two months during the summer at a price of $10.65.

Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, said profits from this summer would be donated to the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. He has said the estate also will be opened in coming summers.

Ticket holders will be able to tour the estate, stroll through a museum devoted to Diana's life and view from afar the princess's grave on a lake island.

51 die in New Delhi train collision

NEW DELHI, India — A passenger train sped through a red light on a foggy night and slammed into a parked train in northern India, killing 51 people and injuring 62, United News of India said today.

The collision occurred late Monday near Karna railroad station, 400 miles southeast of New Delhi, the news agency said, quoting a railroad ministry statement.

Sixteen passengers were hospitalized, six in serious condition. Forty-six other people were treated for minor injuries, the statement said.

The ministry said the death toll could rise as some bodies were feared trapped in the debris.

Six coaches piled on each other and were badly twisted by the impact of the collision, Press Trust of India reported.

Ramesh Kumar, a survivor, said rescue workers reached the remote site four hours after the accident.

Breast-fed kids may be better students

CHICAGO — Smart kids may have more than good teachers to thank for their success. A new study suggests children who were breast-fed do better in school and score higher on standardized tests.

The study, which tracked more than 1,000 New Zealand children through age 18, appears in January's Pediatrics, the journal of the suburban Chicago-based American Academy of Pediatrics.

The breast-fed children in the study tended to have mothers who were older, better-educated and wealthier. Skeptics say those factors, rather than breast milk itself, could explain the findings.

But the authors, Professors David M. Fergusson and L. John Horwood of Christchurch School of Medicine, said they adjusted for those factors and still concluded: "There were small but consistent tendencies for increasing duration of breast-feeding to be associated with increased IQ, increased performance on standardized tests, higher teacher ratings of classroom performance and better high school achievement."

Weather

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High	34	as of
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Precipitation

Yesterday	none
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Low low 20s

Thursday

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Low low 20s

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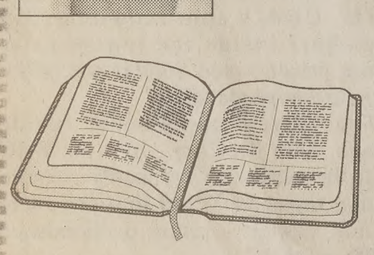
Scripture of the Day

"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."

— *John 14:18*



Aimee Pierce likes this scripture because "when bad things happen in life, there is at least one ... comfort, and that is the Lord." Aimee is a freshman from St. George with an open major.

Testimonies still strong in Bulgaria

By MARIESA WHITAKER
Universe Staff Writer

Illustration by

Their homes have been broken into, their lives have been threatened and they have attended church meetings in fear.

Like the pioneers who knew the fears and terror of Jackson County and Far West, the members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bulgaria have learned that having a testimony of the gospel comes with a high price.

Milen Marinov, a BYU sophomore from Bulgaria, majoring in business management, knows this fact well.

"It is hard for us to be members, but we have the faith to do it," he said of the approximately 400 active members of the LDS Church in a country that was under Communist rule until 1990.

Marinov grew up in the suburbs of Sophia, the capital of Bulgaria, where violence towards members has resulted from intense criticism of the church as a "dangerous sect" by major newspapers in the area.

"Before I was baptized I had never read articles against the church," Marinov said. "I knew that bad things the papers printed weren't always the truth. They can't manipulate me, but they can manipulate other people who've never seen a Mormon."

Many Bulgarians do not know any "Mormons," so their general suspicion of western religions and religion in general makes them hostile towards the church, said Greg Smith, a senior from Pleasant Grove, majoring in English, who served in the Bulgaria Sophia LDS mission.

"The Bulgarian people are very hospitable if they don't fear you, but they are extremely distrustful of religion," Smith said. "The influence of communism has caused a strong backlash against western culture and western religions in general. Because of that, the missionaries and the members suffered a lot of persecution, both physical and verbal."

For Marinov, the persecution began soon after his baptism three years ago at age 18. Six men broke into his apartment and threatened to burn it down. And he was driven to quit his job because of the treatment he received at the hands of his supervisors and coworkers.

Once Marinov and a pair of missionaries were accosted by an irate man while standing at a crowded bus stop.

"When the man found out I was Bulgarian, he screamed, 'You're not Bulgarian! You're a traitor,'" Marinov said.

Such negative reactions towards the LDS Church in Bulgaria are not new.

Mischa Markow, an early church missionary to the Balkans, visited Bulgaria in 1900. There he met with initial success until local ministers and the police realized what he was preaching.

"I was three times guarded," Markow wrote in his personal history. "Police stood by the gate, and if somebody want(ed) to come to hear me, police did not let him in."

Markow was banished from the country after only a few months of preaching.

Missionaries did not re-enter Bulgaria for 90 years, and the first mission in the country, the Bulgaria Sophia mission, was created July 1, 1991.

Starting up missionary work in Bulgaria was difficult, not only because of the violence, but also because many of the usual missionary resources were not available in the native language.

"We didn't have the complete Book of Mormon in Bulgarian when I was there," said Smith, who arrived in the country in 1992. "They kept saying the translation would be done before I left, but I've been home for three years and it's still not finished."

But the church plans to have the Book of Mormon available in Bulgarian soon.

"The translation of the full Book of Mormon is in progress," a representative of the Church's Translation Department said. "It's actually in its final stages and should be published within a year."

However, a selection of Book of Mormon passages, containing some of the more doctrinal sections, is already available in Bulgarian.

"We use the book of passages from the Book of Mormon," Marinov said. "But most Bulgarians speak a second language. So the missionaries usually give investigators and members a copy of the Book of Mormon in their second language."

Smith said the education [illegible] such as Marinov has pro[illegible] great asset to the Bulgaria[illegible] tions.

"One of the biggest stre[illegible] church in Bulgaria is tha[illegible] incredibly strong and capab[illegible] Smith said. "They are a ver[illegible] people. If the missionaries [illegible] out, the Bulgarians would [illegible] run things on their own."

Katina Stefanova, a se[illegible] Sophia, Bulgaria, majoring [illegible] tional relations, is also con[illegible] the strength of the church i[illegible] try.

"Bulgarian members h[illegible] strong," she said. "Bulgaria[illegible] straightforward in their desi[illegible] how wrong we are to be m[illegible] must always stand stron[illegible] beliefs, and we can never d[illegible] crowd does. It is very clear-[illegible] like at BYU where there se[illegible] lot of gray areas as to what [illegible] Bulgaria, you cannot be a m[illegible] way."

GOLD *from page 1*

The campaign will continue until the end of January. Bank officials said they won't release any more figures on the amounts being collected, for fear of affecting international gold markets.

The news of the success of the Korean campaign already was being credited for a drop in international gold prices. In London, gold closed Tuesday at $282 per ounce, down from $283.20. In Hong Kong, gold fell $6.70 to $281.55.

South Korea is a major gold consumer, and traders in London believed the campaign would decrease Korea's purchases of gold. South Korea imported 425 tons of gold in 1996 for industrial and consumer uses.

Koreans are comparing the gold drive to a similar campaign 90 years ago to pay back huge debts their country owed Japan, then its colonial ruler. The 1907 campaign was started by about a dozen civilian leaders and received nationwide support. People donated money, gold and other jewelry worth one-sixth of the total debt.

On Tuesday, dozens of consumer, religious, environmental and women's groups declared their support of the gold drive and called on South Koreans to join.

Long lines formed at more than 450 bank branches throughout the country as people came out with gold rings, bracelets and other trinkets to sell or donate.

At a bank near central Seoul, Huh Kyong-ja, 42, a high school teacher, brought in three gold keys she had received as gifts.

"Everybody is talking about gold these days. My family, my colleagues and even students I teach talk about it," she said.

Baseball star Lee Chong-bum, 27, who recently signed with Japan's Chunichi Dragons, brought 31.5 ounces of gold to a bank in his hometown of Kwangju, campaign organizers said.

Most was in the form of medals, miniature gloves and baseball bats.

"His records will not disappear by selling the trophies," Lee's mother said by phone from Kwangju. "I think this will benefit everybody in the end."

COMPUTE *from page 1*

The sheer number of demands on the system has also caused the complications.

"We find that the data is not properly transferred from the server to the client. We get inconsistent results in AIM," Goodrich said.

Because of the complications, the university has changed some of its registration policies this semester.

Gene Priday, university registrar and director of Registration and Records, said the university is temporarily waiving the traditional fees assessed for dropping classes after the first two days of the semester. The fact that students might have problems with the system was anticipated by the university. The fees, however, will be assessed as normal after Jan. 16.

The change from the mainframe to the UNIX system has been under way for three years. When the system is completely fixed, it will be able to handle up to nine times as many concurrent users as the mainframe did, Goodrich said.

Gary Kramer, associate dean of Admissions and Records, said AIM should be running by the end of the week when the number of demands on the system will be down from the peak level.

Considering the magnitude of the change, Kramer said there have been fewer problems than expected. He is pleased with AIM's new convenience and speed, but frustrated since the recent bugs are overshadowing the rest of the progress the AIM system has made.

But students can use the touch-tone telephone system as a reliable way of adding and dropping classes, along with add/drop cards. He said students should double-check their status and especially this semester's schedule, Priday said.

Kramer hopes everyone who finds errors or encounters bugs in the system will report the problems immediately so that the corrections can be made.

Concerns and frustrations can be reported to Registration, General Advisement or through e-mail at advise@byu.edu.

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University Mall begins renovations Tuesday

by MATT KARPOWITZ
Producer

city leaders teamed with sity Mall renovation organizers odbury Corporation Tuesday to round on the first phase of the ion project planned to bring a d modern look to the 25 year- ll.

irst phase of the renovation and ion project will incorporate a te transformation of the mall's . The first phase is expected to ght months to complete, with hases beginning later. The entire is projected to be finished in

ping Center Manager of the sity Mall Rob Kallas said the k mall will be a highlight in the nity. "It will be a place that the will be proud of," Kallas said. be very pleasant for them to re."

new design was created by n Architecture, Inc., the fourth largest architecture firm in the United States. Callison specializes in commercial design and shopping center remodeling.

Greenwood Construction is contracted to renovate the mall and hopes to keep the needs of the tenants and the customers in mind. The company will drop plastic sheets down over the store openings to keep as much dust as possible out of the store areas.

University Mall operators plan to keep the mall open during normal business hours and to provide continued service to the community. Construction will take place in the evening from the hours of 9:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., allowing mall tenants to operate normally.

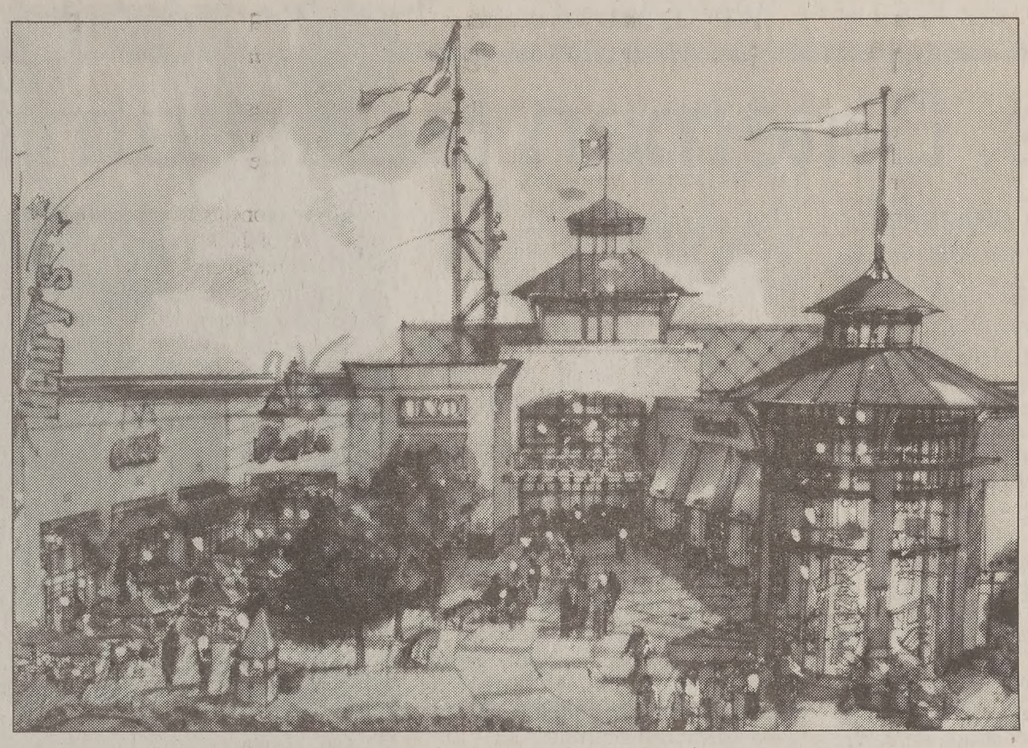
One motivating factor in changing the face of the University Mall is the competition expected from the new Provo Towne Center in East Bay, which is planning to open this fall. One possible problem to arise from the renovation and competition is the loss of tenants at the University Mall.

A member of the Provo/Orem Chamber of Commerce, Steve Densley, thinks the Provo Towne Center will have a positive effect on the University Mall. "This mall is a stabilizing factor here in the community," Densley said. "The mall in Provo will have an impact as competition, but I think that's healthy, and we'll see some improvement because of it."

Some tenant loss has already occurred at the mall. J C Penney Company is planning to leave in Fall 1998. The Woodbury Corporation and the University Mall have spoken to other department stores about filling the spot, but have not made any commitments yet.

Future plans for the University Mall include incorporating more high quality tenants, additional entertainment and restaurant concepts, government and civic uses, professional offices and possibly a convention hotel facility.

Kallas wants the new-look University Mall to serve the entire region. "We are a regional center, and we're proud to represent all of those communities."



Ground broke Monday for the remodeling of University Mall, as it braces itself for competition from the new Eastbay mall. A new look as well as new retailers will be part of the changes.

Photo courtesy of University Mall Management and the Woodbury Corp.

orth Korea seeks od to end famine

Associated Press

OON — Launching the biggest in its history, the World Food m Tuesday urged the internaommunity to donate more than illion to avert famine in North his year.

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international community has ery generous in the last year, e're calling on them to be even enerous to prevent the present hortage from developing into a situation," Bertini said.

people of North Korea, particuhe children, need our help to r from this series of terrible ies," she said.

The World Food Program's emergency appeal would provide nearly 723,800 tons of food to 7.5 million North Koreans, almost a third of the population.

Last year, the U.N. agency provided more than 363,000 tons of food to 4.7 million North Koreans. Other donations from governments, voluntary organizations and businesses brought the total contribution to over 990,000 tons, Bertini said.

"We came through last year by the skin of our teeth," she said. "With the generosity of the international community and the resilience of the people of North Korea, we were able to divert a major disaster that could have occurred."

An assessment mission by the World Food Program and the Food and Agriculture Organization that visited North Korea in October and November determined that the shortfall in food could not be met by the government, barter agreements or commercial operations.

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Pres. Bateman lauds family values

By SHANNA GHAZNAVI
Associate Campus Editor

Political correctness is not a substitute for gospel principles, President Merrill J. Bateman said in Tuesday's Devotional.

Though popular opinion may state otherwise, "a fullness of joy is found only within the framework of an eternal family," Bateman said.

Bateman compared The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' proclamation on the family, which he said teaches basic gospel principles, to the popular opinion of the world.

While the proclamation states that marriage between a man and woman is ordained of God, President Bateman said the world approves of "open marriages" without a contract which are not sacred. He said the quality and duration of marriages effects society as a whole.

"The Lord measures the success of a family by the quality of its relationships," President Bateman said. But the world, he said, measures family success by the accumulation of worldly things.

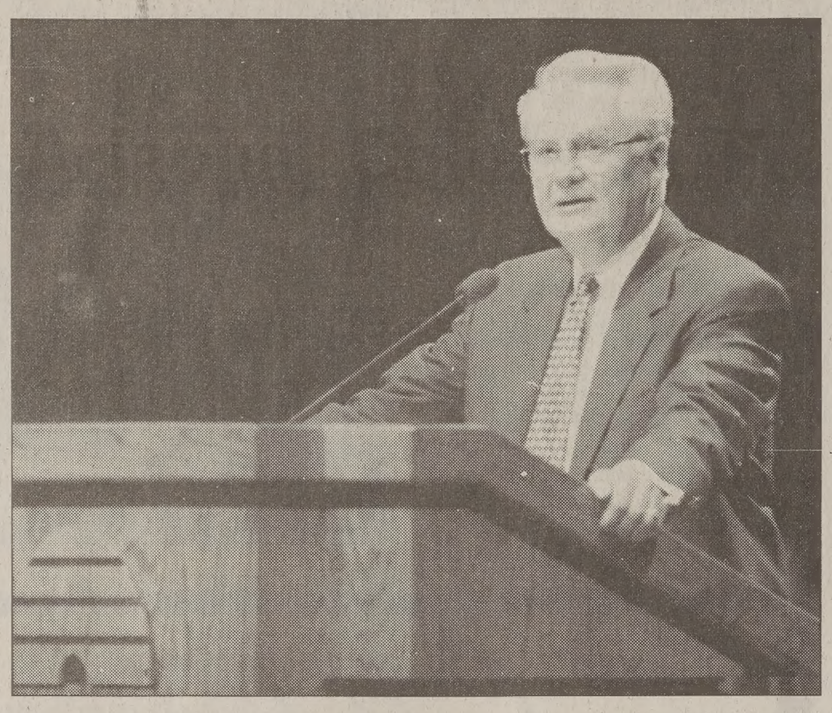
The opinion of the world, President Bateman said, also discounts the role of the family in educating children. The proclamation states that the family is essential to the process of salvation and for nurturing children. He also said "the home is the primary place where children learn to treat other with respect."

Many in the world do not think there is a plan, Bateman said. They think marriage and the family are temporary associations meant for personal gratification. "When the view is myopic, the distortions are large," President Bateman said.

The longer the view however, President Bateman said, the greater the chance of a successful marriage since both partners will be more likely to be patient and generous.

President Bateman said men and women need to have an understanding of their divine nature, and this allows them to have respect for each other. "Men and women are created as complements ... they complete each other," President Bateman said.

Stephen Covey will speak at next week's Devotional.



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President Merrill J. Bateman of BYU speaks at the opening Devotional for the Winter Semester at the Marriott Center.

Students cash in entrepreneur program

By CAMERON FULLER
Universe Staff Writer

Jonathan Coon is only two classes shy of getting his master's degree but it has been over a year and a half since he last walked into a classroom as a student.

He stopped going to school to have time to work on his idea of selling contact lenses over the phone. He acquired the 1-800-CONTACTS phone number and has already generated millions of dollars from this venture.

Coon, and other students like him, are the beneficiaries of the Marriott School of Management's Center for Entrepreneurship and the school's overall emphasis on the entrepreneurial aspect of business. Now, a decade after its creation, the Marriott School of Management's Center for Entrepreneurship is experiencing significant success and gaining national recognition.

The Center for Entrepreneurship is a special part of the Marriott School of Management. When the center was first founded in 1985, the dean told the center's director to use some entrepreneurial energy and find a way to fund the program without using BYU money.

In September 1997, Success magazine named BYU as one of the top 25 entrepreneurial schools in the nation for the third year in a row. According to the assistant director of the Center for Entrepreneurship, Rick Farr, only 14 schools have been able to achieve that similar distinction.

Success magazine used five different components to rate each business school: qualifications of faculty, depth of curriculum, relationship with business community, caliber of students and the quality, longevity and resources of the school's entrepreneurship program.

Farr attributes the center's success to its founders and students.

The "founders," Farr explained, are people who donate at least $15,000 to the center and make a commitment to help the center grow. Different levels of founders exist, the highest level being a platinum founder, or someone who has donated at least $250,000 to the center.

Farr said many of these founders are successful entrepreneurs who also teach courses or give lectures. Some of the highest profile founders are Alan Ashton, Steven Covey, Larry H. Miller, Blake Roney and Hyrum Smith.

"The other part of what makes this whole program great is its students. I think the cut of students here are better than you would normally find. I think the students, because of the values of the church, happen to be a lot more entrepreneurial in their attitudes about things," Farr said.

Stephen Gibson, a resident entrepreneur for the center, agrees that the LDS culture is an important factor in the center's success.

"The LDS culture teaches us to be goal-setters and achievers more than many other theological or doctrinal bases," Gibson said. "We are taught that we are successful people and children of our father in heaven."

An entrepreneur is not your typical nine-to-five businessperson. They're like your seven-to-eight business person. According to Farr, they must work long, hard hours to ensure success.

And they are often faced with setbacks and rejections. Coon's request for a loan was turned down by 25 banks before he found one that would help him get started.

"The harder you work, the luckier you get," Coon said about the role luck plays in being a successful entrepreneur.

"An entrepreneur has to get an idea, has to focus on that idea, make it happen and then be aware and flexible enough to chase other opportunities when they come along," Gibson said.

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riting program helps udents polish papers

By AMY WARD
Universe Staff Writer

s integrating the trend sweeping eties throughout the nation to better writers in all disciplines, Writing Fellows program is it to happen.

ears ago, the program, spon- y the General Education and Department, began on a trial ith a handful of students. Now, 40 and 50 fellows are working nester.

who hear about the program te it with the Reading and Center. Although their philoso- e similar, there are some clear ons between the two programs. re we differ, is that we have me to work with the papers," ordre Paulsen, Writing Fellows and BYU's Writing Across the lum consultant.

g fellows are assigned to specif- ses where the professors have d the program.

tudents hand in their papers to signed writing fellow. The fel- ds them, writes detailed com- n the margins and explains his comments in a 1-2 page e.

llowing week, the fellow meets ch student in a tutorial to go revisions.

an cover some concerns through responses and others through ," Paulsen said.

ever, the purpose of the program ust to improve a single paper. overriding purpose is to improve ," Paulsen said. "It is to teach able skills that students can use courses," she said.

efore the program started five go, two writing specialists came to conduct a report on writing niversity, Paulsen said.

found that the writing was too d at the university and that, h it was working well where it needed to be coordinated better, d.

ting fellows would be the link ould link all of the departments help support them in their writ- eavors," Paulsen said.

all, the response to the program n favorable.

Eliason, an associate professor of , was introduced to the program mester and said it has worked his class.

organization of students' papers en better, and their sentences have been better formed, he said.

Many students usually don't do more than a first draft, so reviewing the paper with someone else helps tremendously, he said.

The fellows and the students have enjoyed working with the program as well.

Kathy Foulger, 21, a third-semester writing fellow and senior from Portland, Ore., majoring in English, has loved being involved.

In Writing Fellows she found a close-knit group of friends and an opportunity to help people.

"I love language so much that it's really fun for me to try and inspire (the students)," she said. "I want to help them love writing like I do," she said.

Perhaps the greatest difficulty has been dealing with so many different learning and writing styles and knowing how to best tutor students, she said.

Tim Daniels, 24, a senior from Frederick, Md., majoring in geography, worked with the Writing Fellows for the first time Fall Semester 1997.

"It increased my confidence and my enjoyment of writing," he said.

His favorite part of the program was that he received first a written response and then got to meet with his fellow in a tutorial.

"The only complaint I had was that we only had a half an hour with them," he said.

BYU mourns Drinkall's death

Photo courtesy of Mark Philbrick

Roger Drinkall and his wife Dian Baker performed together around the world as the Baker-Drinkall duo. Drinkall died from leukemia Dec. 15.

By SHAWN DICKERSON
Campus Editor

The world of music and BYU recently lost a man who is remembered by those who were close to him for his passion, dedication and expressions of love.

Roger Drinkall, BYU professor of music and renowned cellist, died Dec. 15 at 4:40 a.m. at the University of Utah Hospital from complications resulting from leukemia, according to the dean's office of the BYU College of Fine Arts and Communications.

Drinkall had taught the cello at BYU since coming to the university in 1989. In addition to teaching, he frequently performed with his wife, Dian, a pianist and faculty member, as part of the Baker-Drinkall Duo.

According to the dean's office, Drinkall and his wife returned in November from the Beijing Conservatory of Music, where they taught, performed and gave master classes. Drinkall holds the distinction of being the only U.S. cellist ever to be invited to return to teach at the Conservatory.

Walter Birkedahl, area head for strings at BYU and double bass instructor, said Drinkall stands as an example to others.

"He was totally focused on the cello," Birkedahl said. "He's an example of what a person can achieve by setting a goal and being persistent — a person can't do what he did just on talent alone."

Drinkall was not only talented but very dedicated, hard-working and prepared, he said.

Lynette Davis, a close friend to the Drinkalls, met the couple after they moved to Orem from Florida. Davis became acquainted with them after being asked to alter one of Dian's performing gowns.

"(Drinkall) was a very passionate person," Davis said. "Whatever he did he put his heart and soul into it."

Drinkall also had a many other interests, she said.

"He loved to sail; he loved to go to good restaurants; he loved movies and loved to travel — and he was really good at Trivial Pursuit. We never beat him," Davis said.

Drinkall's relationship with his wife was very unique, she said.

"Roger and Dian spent every moment of their lives together — they were like one person," Davis said. "He was always very attentive to Dian; he always made sure everything that happened was a tribute to her."

Roger and Dian met at Florida State University. He was a professor there and she was a replacement pianist asked to accompany him during a performance, Davis said. Their relationship progressed quickly from there.

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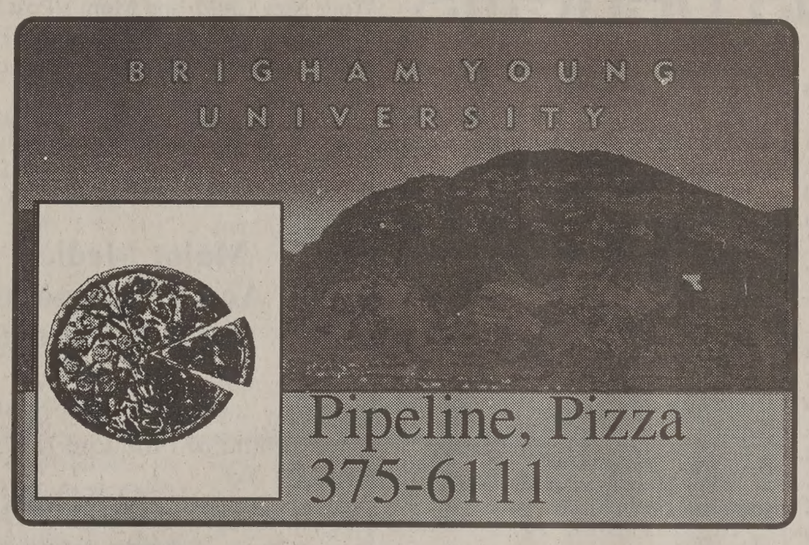

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New laws apply to students

Stiff penalties a possibility for negligence

By STEPHANIE HUANG
Associate Campus Editor

For certain BYU students, not knowing of changes in existing laws could jeopardize their status as university students. It can even affect their stay in the United States.

In 1996, President Clinton signed a new immigration law in hopes of stopping the flow of illegal immigration into the U.S. As a result, these laws also affect international students attending universities across the country.

For students with legal status, the new laws have no effect. However, penalties for students illegally residing in the U.S. have grown stiffer. Students who remain illegally for 180 days without valid documentation now risk deportation to their native countries.

On top of that, deportation is usually accompanied by a ban preventing students from entering the U.S. for three years. If a student resides illegally the U.S. for one year or more, that student can be denied re-entry for 10 years.

Students who stay longer than permitted by their visa can have their visa automatically voided.

Unlike previous years, when students could go to consulates in Mexico or Canada to renew visas, now students have to return to their respective countries in order to get their renewals.

Marriage is also affected by the sweeping new changes in the law, and Immigration and Naturalization Services have been backlogged with the rush of newcomers seeking legal status through marriage.

As a result, local INS agencies have been forced to adjust procedures to process marriage documents, which now takes 12 months to finalize instead of the usual four.

"I understand why Congress passed these laws, but they don't punish those who are here illegally," said Ted Okawa, assistant international student advisor.

"They tend to punish and make it difficult for those doing the right thing. The government should just enforce laws already in place," Okawa said.

Stephanie Osterlund, a sophomore from Stockholm, Sweden, majoring in international law and diplomacy, said, "I think that for students who aren't familiar with the English language, it's easy to overlook something and get out of status. But it's not hard to stay in status if they keep in touch with the International Office."

Students accepted to BYU on an F-1 visa must have a valid passport at all times to maintain legal status and enroll for at least 12 credit hours (9 for graduate students).

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Lisa Fleming, an international marketing major from Trinidad, speaks with an employee of the International Student offices. Like other international students attending BYU, Fleming must keep aware of new changes in immigration law that could possibly affect her student status.

Welfare law withholds benefits

By KATRINA GULSTAD
Associate News Editor

The 1996 welfare reform law prohibited most immigrants from directly receiving welfare benefits after Aug. 22, but many immigrant families still get aid through their U.S. citizen children.

According to a new government report, more than $1 billion of 1995 welfare payments and food stamps went to immigrant families with U.S. citizen children.

> ***"It's obvious that there's a huge loophole in immigration law."***
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> *— Rep. S. Smith, R-Tex.*

"It's obvious that there's a huge loophole in immigration law," said Rep. S. Smith, R-Tex., who is among supporters of legislation that would require children to have at least one citizen or legal parent to become a U.S. citizen at birth.

The recent welfare restrictions were developed in response to the increasing number of immigrants receiving federal aid. Because former immigration policy continued to bring in so many poor, the gap between native and immigrant use of welfare was growing, Smith said.

In the 1980s immigrant welfare use was about one-fifth higher than native welfare use. But now in the 1990s, immigrant welfare use is nearly half as frequent as native-born use.

The immigrant-related provisions of the welfare bill created restrictions meant to reduce these numbers and could save an estimated $23.8 billion over six years, according to the Congressional Budget Office

Under the new legislation, most non-citizens are no longer eligible for federal food stamp benefits. The USDA estimated 935,000 legal immigrants will lose their benefits under the welfare reform provisions.

Smith, however, said the new restrictions are not tough enough. The federal government, will still support many of those 935,000 non-citizens through children who are U.S. citizens, he said.

Although a child of an illegal immigrant born in the United States automatically becomes a citizen, "when such a child receives assistance, the aid also helps support the child's family, raising concerns about the use of public assistance to those illegally in the United States," said congressional auditors in the U.S. Accounting Office report released Nov. 19.

Payments to U.S. citizen children of illegal immigrants accounted for $700 million of all benefits paid in fiscal 1995 under the welfare program known as Aid to Families with Dependent Children, according to the report.

Health and Human Services Department Insurance General June Gibbs Brown said the government has a responsibility to care for citizen children of illegal immigrants. In a response to the report, she said that while the Clinton administration "clearly supports all federal efforts to stop illegal immigration, our job also requires us to improve the health and economic self-sufficiency of citizens ... including the citizen children of immigrant parents."

BYU displays Asian culture

By STEPHANIE HUANG
Associate Campus Editor

For students of Asian descent, January is a month to showcase their heritage. The multicultural office has chosen Asian Cultural Month to start off Winter Semester, since Chinese New Year falls on Jan.28.

Each month will highlight a different culture and the aim is to educate students about the colorful diversity — not often seen — at BYU.

James Slaughter, multicultural programming advisor, said, "this is an opportunity to get to know people as individuals, breakdown stereotypes, and have fun together."

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> *— Grant Nagamatsu, a senior from Pukalani, Hawaii*

The Asian clubs on campus, the Student Life Involvement Center, and the Multicultural Office have joined together to sponsor various symposiums, firesides, dances, and a Chinese New Year celebration, to welcome the Year of the Tiger.

Sister Cheiko Okazaki, former counselor in the General Relief Society, will be a highlight speaker for Asian month. She will be speaking Sunday, January 25.

Grant Nagamatsu, a senior majoring in political science, from Pukalani, Hawaii, has been involved with organizing activities for Asian month. He said, "We are all brothers and sisters. We shouldn't think that it will be difficult to get to know or relate to each other. We all have a lot to offer."

One concern Nagamatsu has for students coming to BYU from different areas of America, is feeling the need to adjust. He said some students think they need to sacrifice their heritage and customs to blend in with BYU culture.

At the other end of the spectrum are students who let their culture become a barrier to the environment around them.

Slaughter hopes that the thematic months will help educate students, bring campus understanding, and show appreciation for the wide range of cultures.

Asian month kicks off on Thursday, January 15, with a symposium focusing on Southeast Asian experiences. A dance sponsored by the Asian American Association will be held Friday at the Manavu Chapel in Provo.

Brother Honam Rhee of the Asian and Near Eastern department, will speak at a fireside Sunday, January 18. A second symposium will be Thursday, January 22, and the panel will consist of second and third generation students and their experiences.

On Sunday, January 25, Sister Cheiko Okazaki will speak for at a fireside.

The month ends on an explosive note, with the Chinese New Year celebration on January 30. The year of the Tiger will be welcomed with martial arts demonstrations, chinese folk dancing, food from the different Asian countries, and a fashion show with authentic clothing.

"This is a great opportunity for all BYU students to get involved and have fun," Slaughter said.

Perplexed students can get help

By SHANNA GHAZNAVI
Associate Campus Editor

BYU's student leadership tutoring service offers students free tutoring in almost any subject, plus the opportunity to serve fellow students, said the program coordinator.

The program "makes sure that students who need tutoring get it," said Sarah Westerberg, tutoring program coordinator. Since all the tutors are volunteers, Westerberg said it is a good service opportunity for those who are qualified.

During Fall Semester, 350 tutors volunteered and almost as many students received the academic help they needed, Westerberg said.

This semester, Westerberg said, there is still a need for tutors, especially in subjects like languages, mathematics, chemistry and physics. She said the number of tutors the program needs has "no upper limit."

In order to qualify as a tutor, students need to have earned a grade of at least B in the class for which they want to tutor. Westerberg also said the Honor Code Office screens all tutors.

To receive tutoring services, a student goes to the student leadership tutoring office on the fourth floor of the Wilkinson Center for counseling.

One of the program's managers, Ruth Black, a sophomore from Salt Lake City majoring in family science, said students also have the option to become nationally certified as tutors after 25 hours of tutoring and 10 hours of training. To receive this formal training, Black said students should take student development 214R, a one-credit class. Tutors can earn either level one or level two certification.

Jared Haslam, a sophomore from Tracy, Calif., majoring in mechanical engineering, who is also a math tutor, said, "I enjoyed it because I got to learn...it helped me to be a better student."

Haslam also said tutoring was "a good opportunity to do service for other people." He said the most rewarding part of his volunteer work was seeing his "tutee" improve.

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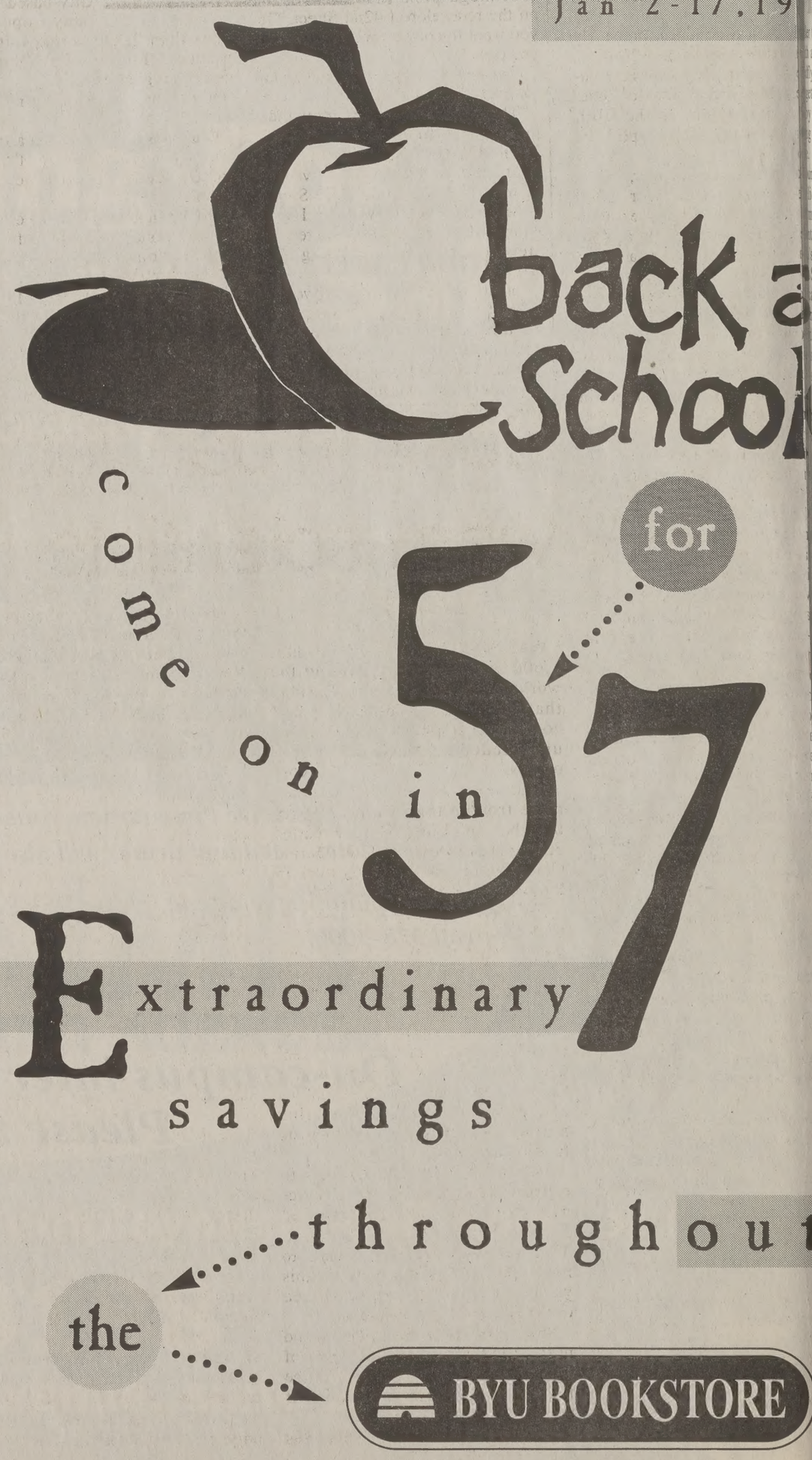

lgerian villagers seek haven from massacres

Associated Press

HIERS, Algeria — Carrying ases on their backs, terrified vil- fled their homes Tuesday, ng big-city public squares to safe haven from the vicious s that have killed more than people in a week.

cked by Algeria's incessant hed, European and U.S. diplo- nsisted they wanted to help — id they were essentially power- end the killing spree.

re seems to be very little one in concrete terms," said Klaus r Pas, chief spokesman for the an Commission.

Tuesday, survivors reported r slaughter — 200 people killed eekend massacre in a remote n village — bringing the total since Saturday to nearly 400.

bodies were mutilated, and disfigured by axes," said one r of the Sunday night massacre kala, which has no telephones reachable only by narrow in roads.

man, who earlier Tuesday had fellow villagers, was one of 100 villagers who fled and took in a mosque or in stores in assa, a nearby community another 117 people were killed night.

He, like others interviewed, spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

The slew of recent massacres — some of them among the worst since Islamic insurgents launched their violent crusade six years ago — have come in rapid succession, killing scores of men, women and children at one time. The attacks have been marked by extreme savagery: The killers have wielded knives, swords and axes and burned entire villages to the ground.

No one has claimed responsibility for any of the mass slayings, which come as Muslims are celebrating the holy month of Ramadan. But Algeria's frequent bombings and bloody massacres mostly are blamed on Islamic militants intent on toppling the military-backed secular government in favor of a regime run according to strict Koranic law.

There has been some speculation that the government, while ostensibly waging an offensive against the extremists, has looked the other way as a means of drumming up anger against the insurgents.

The government maintained its usual silence Tuesday, acknowledging none of the new attacks.

But in Algiers and other large cities, flooded by families from violence-torn rural areas, people were speaking about nothing else.

"I bring my family far from the deaths, but I know that we are heading toward misery," said a man who fled Meknassa for the nearby western city of Relizane. He was interviewed by phone from Algiers, the capital.

The attack in Meknassa — reported by the daily La Tribune and confirmed by hospital officials — took place despite a strong army presence in the Relizane region, the site of the insurgency's most devastating massacre last week. More than 400 people were killed there on Dec. 30, the first day of Ramadan.

Hauling mattresses and whatever else they could carry, the refugees camped out in public squares of major cities.

"I was looking to leave, but I don't know where to go," said a woman in Relizane whose husband and children were slain in Meknassa.

Algeria's Islamic insurgency was sparked by military's decision to cancel a 1992 legislative election runoff that Muslim fundamentalist parties were poised to win. The violence, which has claimed some 75,000 lives, typically grows more intense around Ramadan.

While concerns about Algeria's murderous descent have mounted, the international community has offered little on the way of assistance or solutions.

U.N. human rights experts said Tuesday they plan to make their first visit to Algeria later this year. And European Union nations were studying a German proposal to help the Algerian government combat terrorism and send aid to massacre victims.

Though they again condemned the massacres, officials acknowledged Europe's scope for action was limited. Algeria has bristled in the past at what it has deemed attempts to intervene in its domestic policy.

"We have to be extremely careful about what to do. It's not as if we have many options," said Belgian Foreign Minister Erik Derycke.

In Washington, State Department spokesman James Rubin also condemned the attacks and called on Algeria to allow international inquiries into the violence. But he said the United States had no intention of putting pressure on the Algerian government by threatening to reduce imports of oil and gas

o more erial praying

Associated Press

SHINGTON — Spurred by a outcry over pesticide spraying cities, the Environmental tion Agency wants changes - hough spraying is seen as the ay to combat major infestations diterranean fruit flies that can ate citrus crops.

uld you like the government planes over your home spray- emicals? Nobody does," James es, director of EPA's Pesticide ration Division, said Tuesday. elieve that should be the last

he request of the EPA, the ulture Department has with- its application to renew author- spray malathion from aircraft to medfly infestations in Florida, ation's leading producer of es, grapefruit and other citrus

ler than a common house fly ith a life span of just 30 days, edfly can quickly devastate cit- getables and dozens of other by laying eggs in the fruit, ng in maggots that spoil the e.

our months last summer, DC-3s licopters roared over 1,000 miles in the Tampa area in an ntly successful battle against a's worst medfly infestation in Spraying of malathion - a cal common in garden pesti- nd pet flea dips - was recom- d by a panel of state-appointed sts as the only way to tackle severe outbreak.

t the only bullet they've got in rsenal that will work," said Ray r, spokesman for the Florida nd Vegetable Association.

re should never be aerial spray- pesticides in an urban area," laine Holmes, attorney for the oots Citizens for Responsible atives to Malathion. "Let them n their groves."

ers, however, believe that aeri- ying is essential to control a -feared pest and note that ion has been considered safe re than 40 years.

ey are spraying for something oesn't bite people, they com- bout it," he said. "There needs public notification and educa- rogram that really tells people coming."

Agriculture Department held its ver public hearing on aerial ng last month to discuss the concerns; but in asking to its authority to spray from the agency proposed no changes, said.

EPA wants aerial spraying only ing else works.

of the problems is their ability ct (medflies) wasn't sophisti- enough," Jones said. "Early ion is one of the key things. It asily be eradicated without g."

Steffan, an official with 's Animal and Plant Health tion Service, said alternatives athion spraying include a new now being tested on medflies temala, improved inspections ested produce at ports and bet- ps to detect the insects at an tage.

will be trying to get these new tives in there as quickly as we Steffan said. "We're constantly to find alternatives to spraying from the air."

new application should be sub- in February or March, Jones

Theater loveseats create dilemma

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The pulse-quickening questions surrounding that first date — what to wear? what to ask? how to act? — just grew by one: arm up or arm down?

The "love seat" is coming to New York in a new Times Square movie complex, giving couples the option of lifting the arm between the seats to create a cozier viewing experience.

"We think of it as bringing more family entertainment to Times Square," said Sonny Stuffle, an executive with AMC Theaters, which has included the chairs in plans for a 25-screen, 125,000-square-foot mega-plex on the redeveloped 42nd Street. "If you want to cozy up with your date, you can."

> ***"On the first date, does he or doesn't he?"***
>
> *-- Brian Duff, a tourist from Boston*

That might not be welcome news for everyone.

"The love seat presents potential problems in first-date situations," warned Gersh Kuntzman, who offers weekly advice to the lovelorn as half of a "He Said, She Said" column in the New York Post. "Some of us rely on that armrest to prevent terrible early-courting disasters."

Potential disaster won't arrive for at least a year, giving aspiring suitors time to ponder their first move when faced with the new seat.

While the love seat might once have proven extraordinarily exciting in Times Square — imagine them at Peepland, the late local porn emporium — the incarnation planned for New York City is far from sinful, movie company executives say.

Basically, the seats are akin to those on an airplane. Rather than the usual armrest permanently jutting out between chairs, the new version features a retractable arm that tucks up to make it easier for couples to cuddle.

The seats will also be a little bigger than those in a typical theater — first class, as opposed to coach. And the seats are already installed at 35 AMC theaters elsewhere.

"People love it," said AMC President Phil Singleton, whose Kansas City-based company operates more than 2,300 screens at 231 locations. "But we weren't thinking about dating necessarily."

Obviously not. The dating concerns:

What does it signal if you arrive in your seats and he pushes the arm up? Or she does? Or (ouch) she doesn't?

"On the first date, does he or doesn't he?" wondered Brian Duff, 38, a tourist from Boston. "It's just another thing to worry about."

For the non-romantic, though, there's a real advantage to the new seating.

"Now you can get the really big popcorn," joked Steven Kennedy, a (married) Wall Street stockbroker.

Seas in danger, warn scientists

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than 1,600 scientists from around the world sounded a warning Tuesday that overfishing, pollution and coastal development are wreaking unprecedented damage on the oceans.

"The sea is in real trouble, much more trouble than we previously thought," said Elliot Norse, a marine ecologist who founded the Marine Conservation Biology Institute in Redmond, Wash.

"We have overfished the seas systematically everywhere we have gone," he said. "We must act now, not 20 years from now ... if we are to prevent further degradation of the marine environment."

Norse, biologist M. Patricia Morse of Northeastern University and Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., unveiled at a Capitol news conference the "call for action" endorsed by 1,600 marine scientists and conservation biologists from 65 nations.

They want federal lawmakers to establish new coastal marine reserves and strengthen the Endangered Species Act and Clean Water Act. They also want President Clinton to hold a White House conference this year on the rapid, unprecedented declines in fishing populations.

"It is appalling to me that we spend more money studying the oceans of Mars than we do on the oceans of the Earth," said Weldon, a member of the House Science Committee.

The scientists said overfishing has devastated commercial fish populations and caused the collapse of fisheries around the world, including New England. Destructive fishing methods, such as bottom trawling, have crushed and buried bottom-dwelling species by scouring vast areas of seabeds, they said.

"Bottom fishing with trawlers is much like clear-cutting" of forests, said Norse, who noted that 99 percent of the world's 30 million species live in the oceans, with less than 1 percent on land or in fresh water.

The scientists said coastal development has consumed precious salt marshes, industrial pollution has left "dead zones" in the Gulf of Mexico, agricultural runoff is causing new diseases in fish, and global warming has contributed to steep declines of salmon in the North Pacific.

"Two basic problems confront us," said Morse, a professor of biology at Northeastern University in Boston. "Too much is taken from the sea and too much is put into it. Scientific knowledge and plain common sense tell us that we can't continue destroying the habitats that support marine resources and expect these species to persist."

The scientists said their petition would kick off the United Nation's International Year of the Ocean.

"Scientists by nature aren't alarmists," Norse said. "For 1,600 scientists from 65 countries to stand up and say the sea is in trouble and we need to take action, this is an unprecedented, important day."

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Due to a significant computer system changeover, the folowing changes will be in effect for Winter Semester registration:

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- You may use the Touch-tone Telephone/AIM systems to drop classes Jan 5-16

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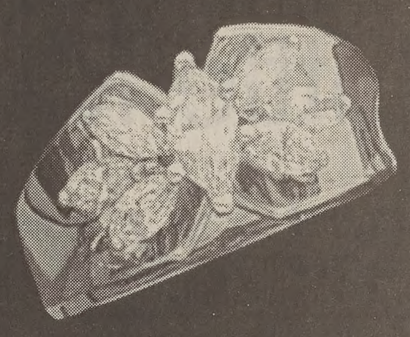

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A TRADITION FOR ALMOST HALF A CENTURY

Experts approve acupuncture

By SHANNA GHAZNAVI
Universe Staff Writer

A consensus reached by the National Institutes of Health in November 1997 means acupuncture will soon become classified as a mainstream form of medicine in the United States, according to some doctors and health care insurance providers.

Though acupuncture has been considered as an alternative form of medicine in the United States for many years, there is clear evidence that needle acupuncture treatment is effective for postoperative and chemotherapy nausea and vomiting, nausea of pregnancy and postoperative dental pain.

The government convened the 12-member NIH panel to help decide if acupuncture should be considered a part of mainstream medicine in the United States.

Panel members said there are other pain-related conditions which acupuncture may be effective in treating, but there is no convincing scientific data to support these claims. These conditions include addiction, headache, carpal tunnel syndrome and asthma.

Gary Teal, an Orem acupuncturist, said acupuncture "is going to become mainstream because of the direction the NIH has taken." When insurance companies begin to include acupuncture coverage in their policies, that is a sure sign acupuncture is becoming mainstream, he said.

Acupuncture Plus, Inc. is the first health insurance company to offer coverage for all treatments associated with acupuncture. "Our program is groundbreaking ... our plan is the first plan of its kind," said Clifford Derfounder, CEO of Acupuncture Plus, Inc.

Derfounder said his company started covering acupuncture costs because of tremendous market pressure to do so. He said he is predicting acupuncture will become mainstream "as soon as more plans like ours come out."

Derfounder also said insurance companies in California are setting an example for the rest of the nation's health insurance providers by covering acupuncture in insurance policies. Though some other insurance companies claim to cover acupuncture, he said, none of them offer comprehensive coverage for all acupuncture treatments.

Alternative Health Insurance Services also covers some acupuncture treatments. Steve Gorman, president of AHIS, said his company covers acupuncture because it is very cost effective.

Gorman said his company and other insurance companies which cover acupuncture are in the process of creating a network of approved acupuncture treatment providers for their customers.

Deseret Mutual Benefit Administrators, the insurance company which covers BYU's students and faculty, includes acupuncture treatments in some policies. Ralph Simpson, a DMBA representative, said all of DMBA's policies cover acupuncture with the exception of students' policies.

Though some attribute the healing effects of acupuncture to the placebo effect, one acupuncture website said it is the marketplace that will generate the growth of acupuncture, not the skeptics.

The statement of the NIH consensus panel also asked insurance companies, federal and state health care insurance programs and other third-party payers to expand their coverage to include acupuncture treatments.

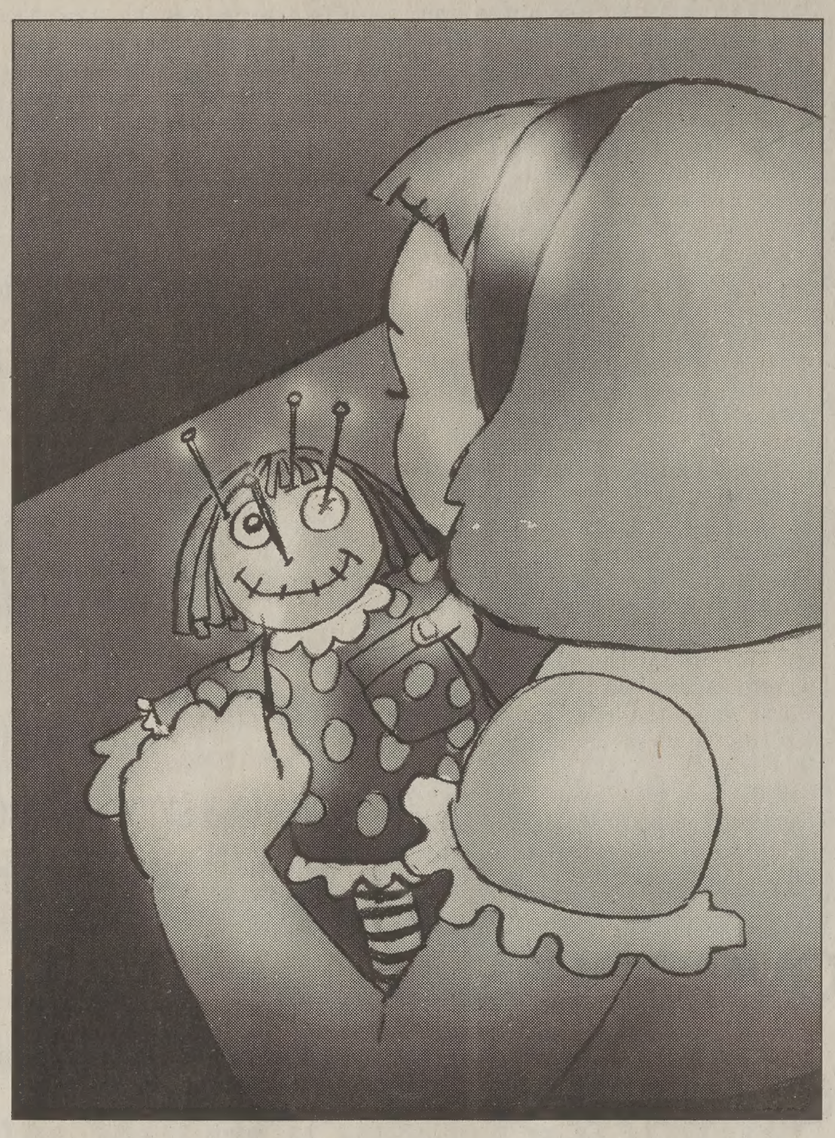
Teal said he feels many patients turn to acupuncture because "acupuncture for pain is very high on the list for being effective." Conventional healing methods, he said, usually involve pharmaceuticals while acupuncture uses the body's natural chemicals to heal.

Acupuncture is most successful as a method to treat asthma, gastrointestinal disorders, gynecological problems, nausea, chronic fatigue syndrome and any kind of muscular-skeletal problems, Teal said.

"Our program is groundbreaking ... our plan is the first plan of its kind."

— Clifford Derfounder, CEO of Acupuncture Plus, Inc.

There are approximately 10,000 acupuncture specialists in the United States, according to the World Health Organization. According to figures released by the Food and Drug Administration, 10 million to 13 million acupuncture treatments are administered in the United States every year.



Acupuncture, a Chinese method of healing dating back to 2696 B.C., involves inserting needles and applying heat or electrical stimulation at very precise acupuncture points. It was first discovered by Huang Di, the third emperor of China.

The theory of acupuncture is based on a classical Chinese belief that channels of energy, or Qi ("chee"), run through the body. Acupuncture needles, according to this Chinese belief, influence the flow of Qi in order to heal.

Another explanation of acupuncture is that the acupuncture needles stimulate the nervous system to release chemicals which produce healing effects.

Leslie Conway, a junior from Arlington, Texas, majoring in family science, said acupuncture cured her of lockjaw.

"It was weird," she said of her treatment, relating how her acupuncturist put a needle into one of her toes and moved it around for 10 minutes. After one treatment, she could move her jaw again without experiencing any painful side-effects.

The NIH panel said there needs to be more uniform acupuncture licensing and accreditation procedures for all acupuncturists in the nation, pointing to a need for "improved understanding of perspectives between acupuncture practitioners and today's conventional health care community."

The panel also emphasized the importance of obtaining convincing experimental evidence of acupuncture's effectiveness in treating specific conditions.

In a 1996 study of 1,135 randomly selected doctors and 197 acupuncturists by the Institute of Community Medicine at the University of Tromso in Norway, only 12 percent of the doctors and 31 percent of the acupuncturists surveyed reported harm caused by acupuncture.

Rift Valley fever leave more than 300 dead its wake across Ken

Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — An outbreak of Rift Valley fever has been blamed for the deaths of more than 300 Kenyans in the past month, medical experts said today.

The disease, named after a valley in Kenya, is spread by mosquitoes, sand flies and during the slaughter of infected animals, said Dr. Douglas Klaucke, acting World Health Organization representative in Kenya.

Victims suffer high fevers, severe headaches and vision problems. It is not usually fatal, but in severe cases it can cause fatal hemorrhaging from the nose and other orifices.

Klaucke said the latest deaths in northeastern Kenya may not have been solely caused by Rift Valley fever, and that malaria and severe diarrhea may also have contributed.

The poor people of the region are malnourished and ravaged by many diseases.

Tests were continuing at the U.S. Centers for Disease C... Prevention in Atlanta and ... Institute of Virology in S... Klaucke said.

Testing was also underw... mine whether Rift Valley f... blame for the deaths of h... sheep, goats and camels.

Klaucke said there is ... treatment for the fever, b... benefit from rehydration a... ment.

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Expelled gays and atheists take Boy Scouts to Calif. court

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Allowing gays and atheists into the Boy Scouts would be like asking the NAACP to provide services for the Ku Klux Klan, a lawyer for the Boy Scouts argued in two discrimination lawsuits against the group.

Scout lawyer George Davidson claimed the group was merely upholding its belief in conservative sexual morality and duty to God when it expelled a man because he is gay and twin boys because they do not believe in God.

During arguments before the California Supreme Court on Monday, he held up a Boy Scout book before the seven justices, saying: "There's God on the front cover, there's God on the back cover."

Attorneys for the twin boys and the man sought to portray the Boy Scouts as a business rather than a private club.

Jon Davidson, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney, said Boy Scouts sells camping supplies through its trading posts, engages in public relations, pay a full-time staff and charges fees to its 5 million members across the country.

"Those factors point to it not being a private club," he said.

If the justices buy that argument, the Boy Scouts would be subject to California laws that prohibit businesses from discriminating because of sexual orientation, religion and other factors.

A decision is expected within 90 days.

The ruling could also affect a third California case, on whether the Boy Scouts must admit girls.

One of the cases Monday involves Timothy Curran, a former Eagle Scout, who was barred from being an assistant scoutmaster after a newspaper story on gay teen-agers revealed he was homosexual. The other involves twin brothers Michael and William Randall, now 16, who were expelled because they refused to acknowledge a duty to God as contained in the Boy Scout oath.

Dane's Little Mermaid beheaded by vandals

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Denmark's Little Mermaid statue, beloved symbol of fairy tale innocence, fell victim Tuesday to cynicism - decapitated by vandals who apparently called a cameraman to witness their work.

It was the second time in 33 years that the statue's head was sawed off. The bronze statue of a mermaid gazing wistfully out to sea has also had an arm sawed off and her neck slashed.

Police and dogs combed the statue's harborside park for clues Tuesday, while divers searched the gray, frigid waters. They were watched by Danes shocked by the damage to their city's symbol and by tourists disappointed to find their sightseeing ruined.

"It's disgusting. It's a stupid prank, real stupid," said retiree Henrik Bruhn, who rushed to the park after the vandalism was reported on morning news programs.

The bronze statue, based on the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, is one of Copenhagen's top tourist draws. There are few daylight minutes when someone is not posing for a snapshot beside it or clambering up on its rock.

Police found two hacksaw blades Tuesday in the water near the statue. But it was not known if they were the blades that inflicted the damage, and police reported few clues.

There is an outside chance the vandals could be identified from a videotape. Michael Poulsen, a freelance cameraman, received two anonymous pre-dawn phone calls telling him to come see what had happened to the statue.

When he arrived, he taped two young men who taunted him from a distance that he was too late, then rollerskated from the park, laughing.

Although the statue is smaller than many expect and sits an inconveniently long distance from Copenhagen's center, it has an almost mystical appeal to Danes and foreign tourists alike.

"It's disgusting. It's a stupid prank, real stupid."

— Henrik Bruhn, retiree

The last time the statue was beheaded, police called in the homicide squad, but no one was ever arrested. The statue was eventually given a new head modeled on the old one.

"The Mermaid has a symbolic value like the Eiffel Tower in Paris or Big Ben in London," said Lars Bernhard Joergensen of the city's tourism office.

A painter, Joergen Nash, known for provocative stunts, is one of several Danes who claimed the first beheading and recently said he dumped the head in a muddy Copenhagen lake.

However, he denied any connection to the latest vandalism. "I swear ... I wasn't in Copenhagen," he told Danish radio from his home in southern Sweden.

In 1983, the mermaid's right arm was sawn off and never found. Seven years later, a long cut in her neck was discovered and welded, leaving an almost invisible scar. No one was ever arrested in either case.

It will cost $10,300 to $14,000 to replace the head, city officials said Tuesday.

The statue, by Edvard Eriksen, was commissioned by Carl Jacobsen, founder of the Carlsberg breweries, and erected in 1913. It depicts the mermaid who falls in love with a prince, but must wait 300 years before she can become human.

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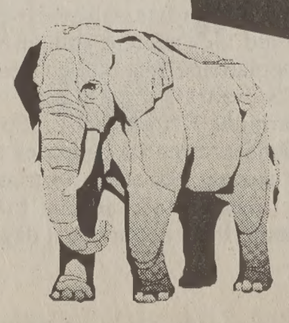

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STUDENT LIFE

hurch begins year with new curriculum

CATHERINE LANGFORD
Monday Editor

any members of The Church of Christ of Latter-day Saints, ing Relief Society and izedek Priesthood classes was their first exposure to the urch curriculum.

changes were officially nced by the Relief Society al Presidency at the General Society Open House Sept. 26, to be applied in January. At the ouse, Sister Sheri L. Dew, sec- unselor in the General Relief , said the changes were a reflec- changes in the times and in organization.

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rding to the December 1997 f The Ensign, the changes a variable schedule for lessons ng to Sundays in the month. first Sunday of each month, ood quorums and groups will priesthood duties and receive ion on them from quorum and leaders. Each ward Relief will receive instruction from sidency on work in the group, ng enhancing individual spiritu- lopment and testimony.

Richard P. White, bishop of the BYU 161st Ward in the Orem Utah Student Stake, expressed his enthusiasm for the first Sunday lessons.

In Melchizedek priesthood meetings, White said, he could see his ward priesthood members discussing home teaching and the home teaching message, and in the Relief Society he said the curriculum would give the sisters a chance to discuss Relief Society duties and compassionate service.

> ***"Everything we do now in Relief Society (and Melchizedek Priesthood quorums and groups) will focus on bringing us closer to Christ."***
>
> *— Sister Sheri L. Dew, second counselor in the General Relief Society*

"I think that brings a lot of camaraderie and allows us to focus on the individual needs of the members of the group or quorum," White said.

Each second and third Sunday, priesthood quorums and Relief Society members will study the teachings of presidents of the church. For the next two years, members will focus on President Brigham Young.

The manual will be the same for teachers as for members of the class, which White said puts "a bigger responsibility on the instructor," since class members could come to class having already reviewed the manual information.

As far as the church president to be studied for the next two years, Elder Oaks told The Ensign that President Young was chosen because of the accessibility of information about him.

"President Young's teachings are so extensive and have been so thoroughly examined and fully cataloged that it was comparatively easy to compile them into one volume that will serve us for two years," he said.

Further, prophets will be studied for the next several years, but not necessarily in order of service.

"Teachings for Our Time," contains suggestions for lessons based on "contemporary subjects and resources designated by the First Presidency," The Ensign reports. Resources for lessons include articles and addresses by the current church president or other members of the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve.

Subjects for discussion on the few fifth Sundays in the year will be determined by local church leaders according to local needs. Fifth Sundays also may be used to discuss regular lessons missed because of general or stake conferences. The lessons on fifth Sundays can be held with the Relief Society and Melchizedek Priesthood combined, unless make-up lessons are being taught.

During the General Relief Society Meeting, President Mary Ellen Smoot said of the new curriculum, "We are absolutely delighted about the faith and unity that will be developed from this inspired material."

The First Presidency said in a letter to the Melchizedek priesthood and Relief Society that the parallel study schedule "is designed to encourage better gospel study and discussion in our homes and family settings and in Sunday services."

President Gordon B. Hinckley said in the January Ensign that the separated meetings of the Relief Society and Melchizedek priesthood are intended to strengthen those groups and quorums.

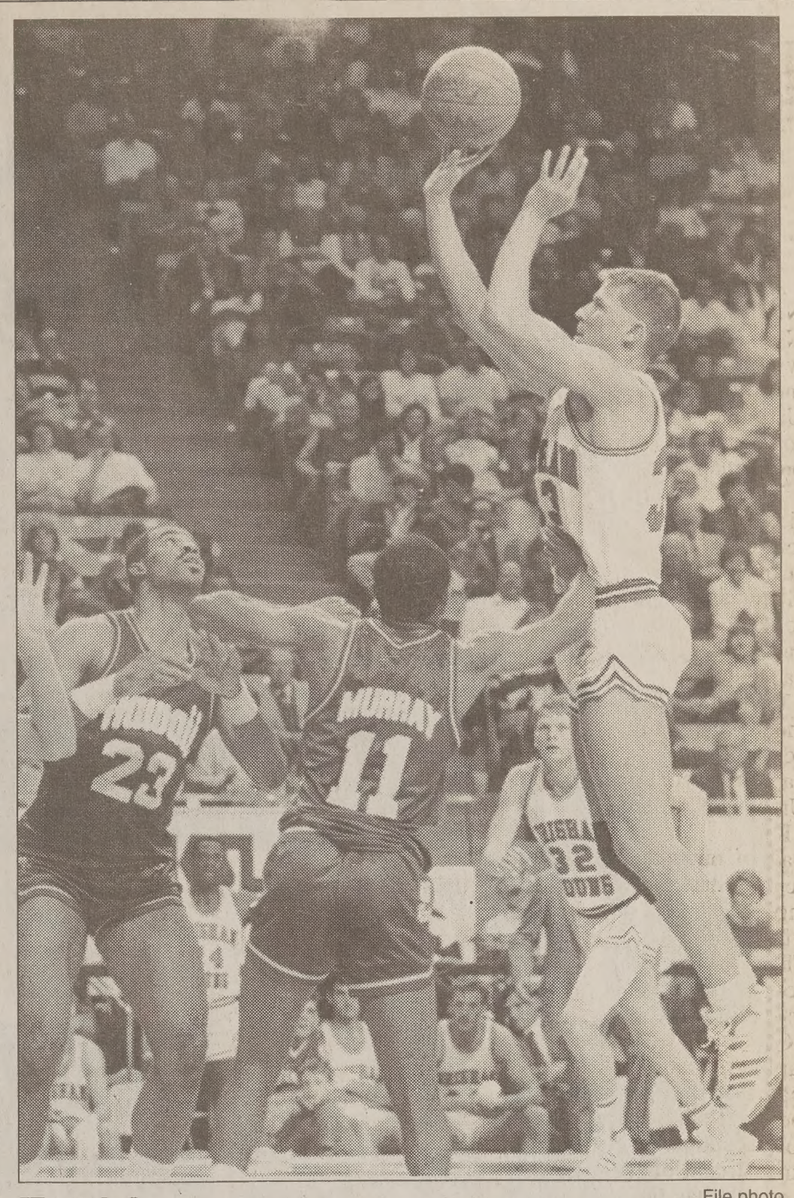
Speaking of Relief Society sisters, Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve told The Ensign, "Sisters enjoy and benefit from the opportunity of meeting separately. There is something in sisterhood that is lost when they do not have this opportunity."

According to The Ensign, the curriculum is also designed to increase the skills and talents of members as wives, husbands, mothers, fathers, leaders and teachers. According to White, it also emphasizes that the home is the center for gospel learning.

"Application could be its theme," Elder Oaks said in the December 1997 issue of The Ensign regarding the new curriculum. "It stresses the application of gospel principles, especially in and through the priesthood quorums and the Relief Societies."

Although the curriculum changes don't affect the Sunday School curriculum, or Melchizedek Priesthood organization it does affect the titles of Relief Society counselors.

The December Ensign reports that instead of having homemaking and education counselors, Relief Society presidents will have first and second counselors. However, homemaking and education responsibilities will still be delegated to Relief Society counselors.



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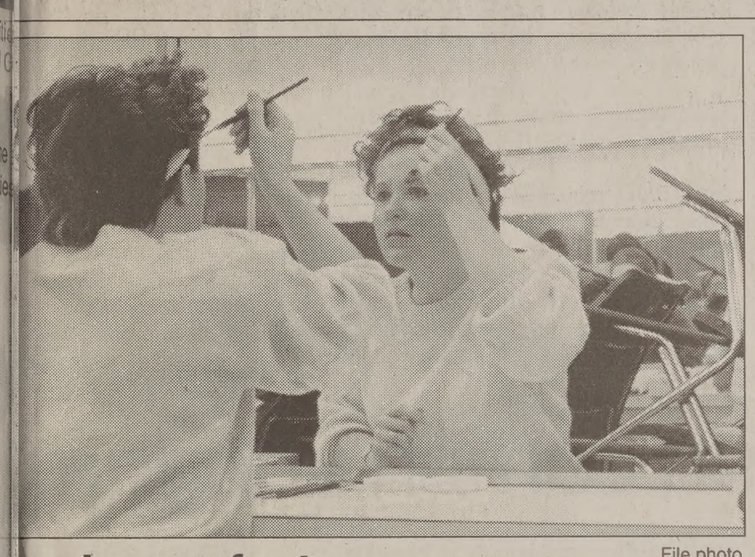
Fashion center
A BYU basketball player shoots against Hawaii in a home game 10 years ago today. The styles — and perhaps clothing manufacturers — of the late '80s dictated shorter uniform shorts than are worn today.



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YU student applies makeup before a performance of the play necoming" Jan. 7, 1988. Some things never change.

Geneva lays off 200 from support staff

Associated Press

VINEYARD, Utah — Geneva Steel has announced it is cutting about 200 jobs from support staff and two "marginally profitable" lines.

"It's a new, strategic look from Geneva Steel to become an operationally excellent company," spokesman Joseph Walker said Monday.

He said the layoffs are likely to come around mid-month.

Carl Ramnitz, vice president of human resources, described the layoffs as a pre-emptive move.

"We see increased competition from both offshore and mini-mills," Ramnitz said. "This is not as much about stopping red ink as it is to starting to gear up for the future."

He said at least three other companies have announced plans or are starting to build mini-mills to compete in the steel platemaking industry.

Geneva Steel will concentrate on its plate- and pipe-making operations, he said.

The company employs about 2,600 workers, 2,100 of whom are union workers. In March, the company laid off 50 administrative and contract employees.

Ramnitz said about a third of the 300 workers in support services will be laid off later this month. Support personnel work in accounting, marketing, sales, engineering and public relations.

The company also is suspending work on two lines: the heavy gauge shear and the foundry. The shear line has already been shut down, affecting about 30 people, while the foundry will remain open until all its orders are filled, Ramnitz said. He said he expects the line to close in February, idling about 60 more.

"Both were marginally profitable, and part of the focus now is to move more into plate and pipe," Walker said.

Orem Mayor Joseph A. Nelson said he is concerned about the layoffs, but declined to comment further until he talks with Geneva representatives.

Kelly Hansen, United Steelworkers of America Local 2701 financial secretary, said the shear workers got their notice in December, marking the first time in more than two years that union employees have been laid off.

"We're always concerned when they close down an option," Hansen said. He said workers are in the process of going through the seniority channels, bumping some of the younger workers in the process.

The union is hopeful that the moves will improve the company's performance so the laid-off workers can be brought back, as has happened in the past.

"We'll have to sit back and see where they're going," Hansen said.

In September, Geneva reported a net loss of $1.3 million at the end of fiscal 1997 after recording sales of $726.7 million, up $14 million from 1996.

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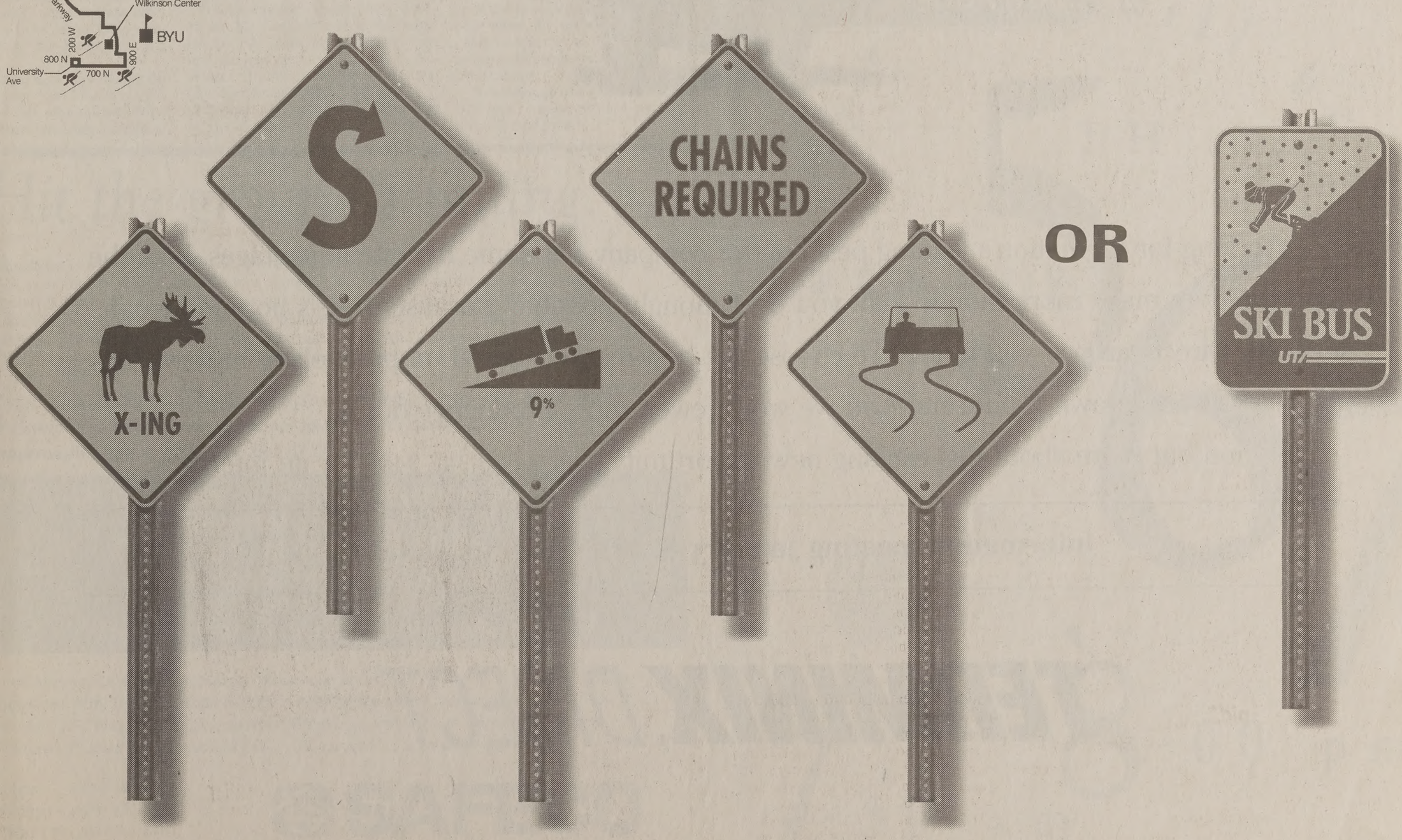

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hinese New Year traditions vary

AUDIA LORENZANA
niverse Staff Writer

watching the apple fall in re, making New Year's res- 1998 and going to New e parties have already tant memories. But for the eople who live in Asia, cel- r the new year are barely

New Year, also known as tival, begins this year on hich is Jan. 1 on the lunar Like New Year's in the es, Chinese New Year is a t family and relatives and upcoming year.

native of Beijing, China and f BYU's Chinese Students rs Association, said every ociated with signs, or ani- as dragons, chickens and

g to old Chinese beliefs, are better than others. The is the year of the tiger, and rn throughout the year is be powerful and lucky.

re born in the year of the ople say you are weak," Su u are born in the year of the re very loyal to your family ."

y, preparations for Spring gin one month before the

ou Robins, a BYU profes- darin from Chiayi, Taiwan, ng one's house and starting n important part of New nce many Chinese believe ew Year is a time of new s, they spend a tremendous time cleaning their homes, new furniture, clothes, etc. lso said that many Chinese most every object has a god care of it. As a result, some p from the outside in when their floors.

s so you won't brush all of your treasures away," Robins said.

Xiang Yang Zhuang (Jeff), a BYU student from Xiang, China said family reunions and dinners are especially common during this time of year.

"Eating is probably the biggest event at these reunions," Zhuang said.

Weiguo Wang, a sophomore from China majoring in computer science, said family members spend entire days cooking several dishes, usually made up of vegetables, fish, dumplings and other foods that will bring blessings to the family. Wang said since dumplings resemble the shape of the old Chinese money, the dumplings are supposed to bring financial prosperity to all who eat them.

Chinese New Year's traditions also include showing a great deal of respect to parents and ancestors, regardless of whether they are deceased or still alive. When children visit their parents or grandparents during this time of year, some will kneel down and bow before them as a sign of gratitude and respect.

Wang said many families show their respect to relatives that have already passed on by burning food, paper money and paper houses. This allows the ancestors to receive the gifts and use them in the spirit world.

"We want the dead relatives of the family to celebrate this New Year together with us," Wang said.

A tradition for children is the receiving of lucky red envelopes. Zhuang said when children visit family and friends, they repeat a phrase that congratulates them and wishes them fortune and prosperity.

The relative, in return, gives the child a red envelope filled with a small amount of money.

In order to protect their family and bring blessings to their home, many Chinese hang red paper on the top and sides of their front doors at home. Robins said this tradition began because of a legend about a dragon that was chasing a woman and two boys.

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The Gods of Fortune are greatly worshiped by the overseas Chinese communities in Hong Kong and Southeast Asia. People worship these gods Jan. 5 in the Chinese lunar year calendar.

The legend says the woman was carrying one boy in her arms, while the other one, who was her son, ran by her side. A wise man asked the woman why she was not carrying her own son, and she replied that she had promised her friend that she would take care of her son as well.

The wise man, impressed with the woman's loyalty to her friend, told her that if she put animals' blood outside her doorway, the dragon would pass by her home.

Many of the red signs hanging on the doors today have sayings on them that will hopefully bring luck and peace to the family throughout the year.

mphony names new leaders

HEATHER HANSEN
Associate City Editor

ah Symphony will soon be music with its two newly conductors.

Lockhart, conductor of the ops, was named as the new rector earlier this week and State Symphony Orchestra Pavel Kogan was named as Guest Conductor.

t's position will be for four becomes effective with the 9 season, when the present rector, Joseph Silverstein, the title of Conductor

's responsibilities include several subscription concerts also beginning in the 1998-99

chestra's decision took up to s of deliberation by a 15-per- ich committee consisting of s, orchestra and board mem- community representatives.

ein said he is thrilled to take n exciting era with the Utah y.

ockhart and Mr. Kogan bring g variety to the podium, and I happy to be part of these won- tivities," Silverstein said in a ase.

made his debut conducting the mphony in March 1997. g to Jeff Manookian of the Tribune, the Utah Symphony not only rewarded him with ovations but by the highest praise of feet stamping.

Kogan, the son of a prominent Soviet violinist, began his musical studies at the Central Music School and continued at the Moscow Conservatoire. He has conducted for the Bavarian Radio Symphony, Helsinki Philharmonic and St. Petersburg Philharmonic.

He won first prize and the gold medal at Finland's Sibelius Violin Competition in 1970. Tours throughout the former USSR, Europe, Japan and the United States followed.

David Winder, chairman of the Utah Symphony's board of directors, said Utah is very fortunate to have obtained the services of Lockhart and Kogan's talent and stature.

Lockhart began his musical studies at age seven and continued his musical career conducting for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Institute, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and Cincinnati Pop.

Having just completed his third Boston Pops season, Lockhart has conducted more than 180 concerts, made 19 TV shows and led tours to Japan and Korea.

"The Symphony is particularly excited that Mr. Lockhart will be the music director who leads the Utah Symphony into the new century. Along with the Winter Olympics in 2002, this is a milestone for all Utahns," he said.

Lockhart will continue as conductor of the Boston Pops and reside in Boston. Beginning in 1999, he will maintain a residence both in Boston and in Salt Lake City.

KEITH LOCKHART

Walter Birkedahl, conductor of the BYU Symphony and String Orchestra, said he feels Lockhart will be very good from the standpoint of attracting audiences to classical music.

"Lockhart has a charisma which is attractive to audiences," Birkedahl said.

He added, it is not uncommon for talented conductors to divide their time between different symphonies in different locations.

"Now because of travel conveniences, it is more common to see conductors dividing their time."

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Sonny Bono and Cher sing together during a television appearance. Bono was killed in a skiing accident at Heavenly Ski Resort on the Nevada-California border Monday.

Sonny Bono killed in skiing accident

Associated Press

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. — Rep. Sonny Bono, the mustachioed, self-deprecating half of the Sonny and Cher duo who moved on to city hall and then Capitol Hill, died when he skied into a tree. He was 62.

Bono, an avid skier, had been reported missing two hours before his body was found at 6:45 p.m. Monday off a main trail at Heavenly Ski Resort on the Nevada-California line, 55 miles south of Reno.

His death came less than a week after Michael Kennedy, 39-year-old son of the late Robert F. Kennedy, was killed while playing football on a ski slope in Aspen, Colo.

Bono had just started to ski down an intermediate slope, Upper Orion, when he hit the tree, resort officials said. Bono — who had skied at the resort for more than 20 years — was alone at the time. Resort spokesman John Wagnon said he knew of no witnesses.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich said he and his colleagues "lost a very, very dear friend."

And fellow Republican Rep. Jim Saxton of New Jersey remembered Bono, who was first elected to Congress in 1994, as someone who, despite his image, meant business.

"He had to work hard just to get past the perception that he was just a funny guy," Saxton said.

Cher, his ex-wife and ex-singing partner, cut short a trip to London to return to the United States, looking tearful as she awaited her flight at Heathrow Airport. "Of course, she is upset by the news," said a spokeswoman, Barbara Charone.

Chastity Bono, the couple's daughter, was en route to Palm Springs to be with her family and asked for privacy.

"Although my father and I differed on some issues, he was very supportive of my personal life and career and was a loving father. I will miss him greatly," Chastity said in a statement. She is a lesbian activist; her father had said he loved his daughter but was "not ready" to accept single-sex marriages.

A Bono spokesman, Frank Cullen Jr., said the California congressman was at the resort with his family.

"They were enjoying a family vacation," Cullen said. "He was a very proficient skier. He skied frequently with his family and, yes, he was an athletic guy." Cullen said Bono had skied on ahead of other family members when the accident happened.

With the weather ideal for skiing, he had skied into a wooded area just off the main trail. Such "tree skiing" is popular with experts who like the fresh powder available off the trails. The area of moderately dense trees is not officially out of bounds but is more hazardous.

His wife, Mary Whitaker, reported him missing about the time the resort closed at 4:30 p.m.

Bono died on the Nevada side of the mountain and an autopsy was to be conducted in Reno, Sheriff Ron Pierini said. Bono appeared to have died of head and neck injuries and there was no immediate evidence of drugs or alcohol, the sheriff said.

Two years ago, Bono received a deep gash on his chin after he and another skier collided at the Big Bear Lake area east of Los Angeles. He ended up with 11 stitches.

"I hit somebody or they hit me, so it was their fault," Bono joked at the time.

Born in Detroit Feb. 16, 1935, Salvatore Bono moved to California with his family when he was 7, and turned to songwriting after high school. He drove a meat delivery truck, squeezing in trips to record companies to drop off songs.

As a songwriter and singer, he worked with Phil Spector and the Righteous Brothers. His first hit as a writer was "Needles and Pins," which he co-wrote with Jack Nitzsche. It became a top 20 single for the British group the Searchers in 1964.

But it was with Cherilyn Sarkisian, whom he later married, that things took off. In 1964, their song "Baby Don't Go" earned Sonny and Cher a contract with record giant Atco-Atlantic.

The couple turned to television with "The Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour" on CBS from 1971-74.

After they divorced in 1974, their solo TV efforts lagged, as did an attempt to revive their partnership with a new TV show in 1976-77. Bono all but dropped out of show business, other than a few guest spots on shows such as "Fantasy Island" and "The Love Boat." He went into the restaurant business in Palm Springs.

Angry at City Hall bureaucrats for stopping his building plans at his Italian restaurant, he plunged into politics. He was elected mayor of the resort town in 1988 and served until 1992. He claimed responsibility for erasing a $2.5 million deficit without raising taxes and starting a local film festival.

He ran for the Senate in 1992, finishing a weak third in the Republican primary — and again became the butt of jokes.

In 1994, Bono won the GOP primary in California's 44th District and rode the Republican tide with a 56 percent to 38 percent win over Democrat Steve Clute. He won re-election in 1996.

Bono announced last June he would not run for Senate this year, saying he didn't want to take that much time from his family.

Bono had three other children besides Chastity. He had one child, Christy, with his first wife, Donna Rankin, whom he married in 1954 and divorced in the early '60s. Following a brief third marriage, he married Whitaker in 1986 and they had two children, a son, Chesare, and a daughter, Chianna.

New York intern returns from the Dark Side

By KIMBER KAY
Special Sections Editor

Have you ever wondered what the real world was like? You know, outside of Happy Valley? Fall Semester I did an internship for Dow Jones in New York City. Now that I have returned, everyone is asking me, "How was it?" That's a good question.

It was kind of like "Star Wars."

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, I got a job for the Empire to fulfill my internship requirement to graduate from the Academy. I was excited but also intimidated by the Empire because it was so powerful.

My boss, Darth Vader, wore black suits and had a deep voice. To him the title "Intern" meant "Slave." The work wasn't hard, but it was dull. I found out it didn't pay to cross him. He held my future in his hand, and I didn't want him crushing the life out of my career.

The droid I was assigned was a nice new model, but I had to install my own sound chip and download my own programs. IBM1 had a large capacity for storage though, letting me expand my knowledge unsupervised. My droid helped me access cyberspace, and kept me company during the long hours of paid drudgery.

There was a friendly camaraderie at work. The other employees would go out and celebrate every other week at a local Cantina, and come back with wild stories of how drunk everyone got. For some reason I just didn't fit .

After a while, I noticed a bit of corruption in the Empire. Nothing scandalous, but just a lot of red tape and bad management. Enough to signal the death of the Empire. I am waiting for the Death Star to blow up to make it official.

The corruption of the Empire goes down into its drinking water. No one drinks it straight because it is brown. That explains why they all add toxic acids and addictive chemicals to it.

Walking past shops I wouldn't go into without a blaster, I was reminded of something a wise Je[illegible] about another infamous [illegible] never find a more wretc[illegible] scum and villainy." I gr[illegible] the next shuttle home.

Everyone raved about [illegible] entertainment the Empi[illegible] The Square was a giar[illegible] advertising everything fr[illegible] to celebrities. I saved u[illegible] and attended a couple s[illegible] the shows were good, the[illegible] too expensive for a po[illegible] afford.

After gaining valuable [illegible] and depositing the last c[illegible] account, I gratefully to[illegible] shuttle home. Tatooeine [illegible] so good.

Donny and Marie make plans for new talk show

Associated Press

NEW YORK — While touring nationally as a guest on "morning zoo" radio programs Donny Osmond years ago learned the futility of fighting his image.

At each stop, the history of the former teen idol proved too much for disc jockeys to resist. There were all those bad clothes. Those toothy smiles with sister Marie. The "Donny" dolls. Enough family members to populate a Western state.

Forget about trying to prove his maturity, his new career as a serious recording artist. Instead, prepare to force a smile and listen to "One Bad Apple" one more time.

Then he had an epiphany: There's no sense pretending "Puppy Love" never existed. Don't try to hold back the wave. Surf it.

And a funny thing happened. The truth set him free. People can't laugh at you when you're laughing, too.

"As soon as I started to have fun with it, the defenses broke down," he said. "If I fight it, then people think I'm trying too hard to change an image or I'm putting down something that was important to them in their childhood."

Osmond is convinced that notion helped lead to his biggest career break of the 1990s. He's signed on to revive the "Donny and Marie" television hour, this time as a syndicated afternoon talk show. Production starts later this year.

Now 40, Osmond talked about his show and music over lunch at New York City's Motown Cafe. That's a subtle joke in itself; when they started, the Osmond Brothers were widely viewed as a pale imitation of Motown's Jackson 5.

Just so you know how much time has passed since the old "Donny and Marie," chew on this: Donny has a 16-year-old son who plays in a punk rock band called Sudden Urge. The group wisely ditched the name Death by Asparagus.

Osmond recently immersed himself in "Donny and Marie" history, sifting through old shows to pick material for a video retrospective.

"I enjoyed it more than I thought I would," he said. "I think I'm old enough now to look at it objectively. There's a lot of stuff that I wouldn't want back on the air. But as a producer I have to be careful about that and say, wait a minute, what does the public think about this?"

"I love the personality of Oprah and the entertainment value of Rosie," he said. "Other than that, I don't know who else to compare it to."

It was O'Donnell who taught Osmond a career lesson he'd just as soon forget: the need to keep in check the cutting humor that hides behind a 100-watt smile.

When Osmond appeared as a guest on Rosie's talk show, she brought out old Osmonds records and paraphernalia. Donny thought she was being sarcastic. So when the conversation turned to a helicopter ride Donny was planning and O'Donnell offered to be his stunt double, he said he wasn't sure the helicopter could handle so much weight.

"I stopped and I thought, 'You idiot, you just insulted the host of this show in front of America,'" he said. "She wouldn't let it go. For weeks and weeks, every time she mentioned my name, everyone would boo."

Donny bore it convinced the publicity couldn't hurt. When it became reltntless, he realized he had to make amends. The price for forgiveness included dressing up as a dog and serenading O'Donnell with "Puppy Love."

"I started slow dancing with her," he said. "I dipped her and I thought, should I go for the joke? So I dropped her," he said. We rolled around on the floor, and she started beating me up."

He'd love to have Rosie as the first guest on his new show. Now that's the real Donny. Jokes aside, Osmond is coldly calculating when it comes to his career. His self-awareness makes the O'Donnell incident all the more surprising.

Osmond has never performed at his family's theater in Branson, Mo., where daily shows are churned out for the tourists. He doesn't mean to snub family, but he belives playing Branson sends a message to the music industry that a career as a contemporary entertainer is past. That's th last thing he wants.

Osmond is stopped cold when asked to comment on the career and life turns of Michael Jackson, his fellow 1970s teen idol. After a long pause, he decided there's nothign to say that will do him any good, so he passed.

It seems strange htat the television show would debut on sometime cheesy shopping network QVC, but its audience is females, 25 to 45, which is Osmonds' audience.

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t's character, Heinrich Harrer, left, receives ising from the Dalai Lama (Jamyang Wangchuk) in"Seven Years in Tibet." It will be playing at BYU's Varsity Theatre Jan. 9 - Jan. 15.

arsity to re-run 'Maguire'

y ERIC D. SNIDER
Lifestyle Editor

ruise and Harrison Ford fans, Both actors, with their nudity anity removed, will be feavily at the Varsity Theatre sster.

's classic "Top Gun" will be t the Varsity Late Night 3, and his more recent "The ll appear March 20. In addiwildly successful Varsity "Jerry Maguire" returns for week of showings Feb. 27-. This will be the third consemester that "Jerry has been shown.

n Ford narrowly beats Tom y having four of his movies Varsity Late Night will be "The Fugitive" Jan. 30, s" Feb. 20, and "Indiana the Last Crusade" April 17. n, last semester's phenome- Force One" will return for a ek starting March 20.

ss" and "Air Force One," ith "The Firm" and "Jerry " were all originally rated R, king their edited-to-BYUs presentation particularly to students.

of the 13 films being shown ester, nine of them are rated er four are PG-13, a rating discourages many students ing them unedited.

that we are offering students vice," said Marion Bentley, a theater professor and long-time member of the committee that selects and edits movies for the Varsity. "I think a lot of the best films are R-rated, and it's often by virtue of only one scene, which we can usually edit without ruining the film."

The only major surprise in the winter roster is how many of the films to be shown had lackluster performances in their original theater runs. Of the movies that came out within the last few months, only "Anastasia" and "Tomorrow Never Dies" were bona fide box office hits.

Films like "Seven Years in Tibet" (Jan. 9-15) and "The Peacemaker" (Jan. 16-22) were supposed to be huge, due to their stars — Brad Pitt and George Clooney, respectively — but got mediocre reviews and poor public response.

Steven Spielberg's "Amistad" was so heavily anticipated when it came out in December that the Varsity Theatre scheduled it for a two-week run (Apr. 3-16) — despite the fact that critics and audiences have generally panned it.

The same can be said for Kevin Costner's latest epic "The Postman" (Apr. 17-24). The Varsity, which must wait until movies become "second run" before they can afford to buy them, could get "The Postman" now because "it's not going to be in first-run for very long," said Bentley.

"Titanic" came out at the same time as "The Postman," but due to its popularity in first-run theaters, the Varsity won't be able to get it until spring, at the soonest.

Here are the films scheduled to be shown at the Varsity Theatre this semester. Times change slightly each week depending on the movie's length, but tickets are always $1.50. Call 378-3311 for up-to-date information, or check out the website at varsity.stlife.byu.edu.

"Seven Years in Tibet" (Jan 9-15) — Brat Pitt; PG-13.

"The Peacemaker" (Jan. 16-22) — George Clooney; R.

"The Edge" (Jan. 23-29) — Anthony Hopkins/Alec Baldwin; R.

"The Game" (Jan. 30-Feb. 5) — Michael Douglas/Sean Penn; R.

"Red Corner" (Feb. 6-12) — Richard Gere; R.

"Mad City" (Feb 13-19) — Dustin Hoffmann/John Travolta; PG-13.

"The Jackal" (Feb. 20-26) — Bruce Willis; R.

"Jerry Maguire" (Feb. 27-March 5) — Tom Cruise; R.

"Anastasia" (March 6-12) — voices of Meg Ryan/John Cusack; G.

"John Grisham's The Rainmaker" (March 13-19) — Matt Damon/Danny DeVito; PG-13.

"Air Force One" (March 20-26) — Harrison Ford; R.

"Tomorrow Never Dies" (March 27-April 2) — Pierce Brosnan; PG-13.

"Amistad" (April 3-16) — Director Steven Spielberg; R.

"The Postman" (April 17-24) — Kevin Costner; R.

sch joins Newhart in new sitcom

Associated Press

NGELES — Bob Newhart is his "George & Leo" co-star sch rehearse, and he's smilfact, Newhart's trademark look has been replaced by a grin.

chuckle escapes. Hirsch is a seduction scene to the hilt, one is getting a bigger kick than Newhart.

veterans of television comedy and a happy partnership on BS sitcom about two misroommates, with Newhart's widower and Hirsch's flamogue striking a tidy yin-and-ance.

director James Burrows , "Newhart's Red Adair, and e oil rig fire."

on screen. Offscreen, they ros who know just where to n on a line, when to give way eague and how to turn work ething enjoyable.

are looking rosier than ever eorge & Leo's" shift from n. Monday into the earlier, sirable 8 p.m. slot previously l by "Cybill," which is offin hiatus. The show is seen n KUTV Channel 2.

ve is a vote of confidence by nich is betting the freshman t-Hirsch show will outperbill Shepherd's fourth-year as it did in a recent test run.

ge & Leo" is filmed on a nt studio stage filling in for Vineyard off Massachusetts. where George Stoody's t) quiet life as a book store s been upset by the arrival of in-law, Leo Wagonman

's son, Ted (Jason Bateman), ried Leo's daughter, Casey ively).

it's clear Newhart and Hirsch no carries the show's weight, e across as relaxed and unason the set. When Newhart ception to a line in the script, nce, he does so lightly.

tainers are people, darling, you and me," Leo is to say to s attractive niece, trying to her with tales from his highas Vegas days. "Except for artin and Cyd Charisse — ast pains in the butt."

rt steps over to one of the production staffers. "Could we do something besides Cyd Charisse and Tony? They're nice people. Wayne Newton, I'd have no objection," he says, jokingly.

Director Burrows clearly relishes teaming with Newhart and Hirsch. It's actually a reunion: Burrows worked on a number of "Newhart" episodes (1982-90) and with Hirsch in "Taxi" (1978-83).

"I've such history with these guys. I think Bob has one of the funniest comedic styles I've ever seen," he said. "And Judd is a wonderful actor."

So good, he says, that Hirsch is the only comic foil needed for Newhart, who in past shows had a brigade of offbeat characters to play against, such as his psychology patients in "The Bob Newhart Show" in the '70s.

"I thought the first (script) reading was extraordinary because everybody could feel it, the chemistry, which is maybe the hardest thing in this business to find," said Newhart. "It was there. Les Moonves (the CBS programming head) said it was the best table reading he'd ever been to."

Hirsch added, "They'd written to our strengths so well. You could be extremely subtle and it was a riot. You could stretch yourself, it was a riot. It didn't make any difference."

They continue to trust the writers. "I always had a rule that they're creative people, and you don't stifle creativity," Newhart said, pegging the actors' input at "maybe 10 percent, maybe 20."

Trying to dominate a production is generally unproductive, he says, citing the behavior of a younger series star ("I won't mention which one, fairly successful").

"One day, they had to talk this person down out of a tree; she refused to come down until they changed a line," Newhart said.

"We just slam the door," quipped Hirsch.

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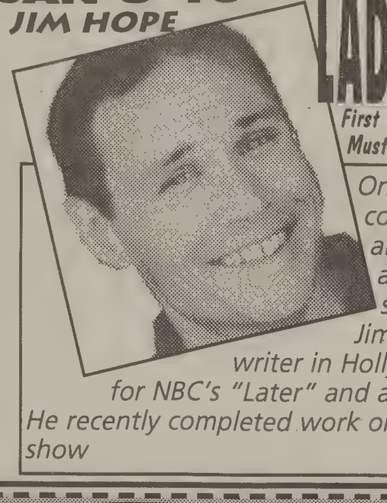

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Y rebounds with win at Tulsa

By DARREN WILCOX
Sports Editor

What a way to start off the new year.

BYU rebounded from a tough Hawaii trip Monday night, manhandling a tough Tulsa team on the road in front of more than 7,000. Tulsa, 9-6, was outmatched from the start as BYU jumped out to a quick 12-0 lead. The Golden Hurricane fought back to within one, but the Cougars hung on for a 57-53 victory.

The Cougars were led by transfer Ron Selleaze. In only his fourth game with BYU, the 6-6 junior guard scored all 22 of his points in the second half, including 11-12 from the free throw line. Selleaze has provided instant offense, leading BYU in scoring three out of his four games and recording the Cougars' second double-double of the year.

Beyond that, Selleaze has been a playmaker, able to create his own shot off the dribble, exactly the type of player coach Steve Cleveland needed.

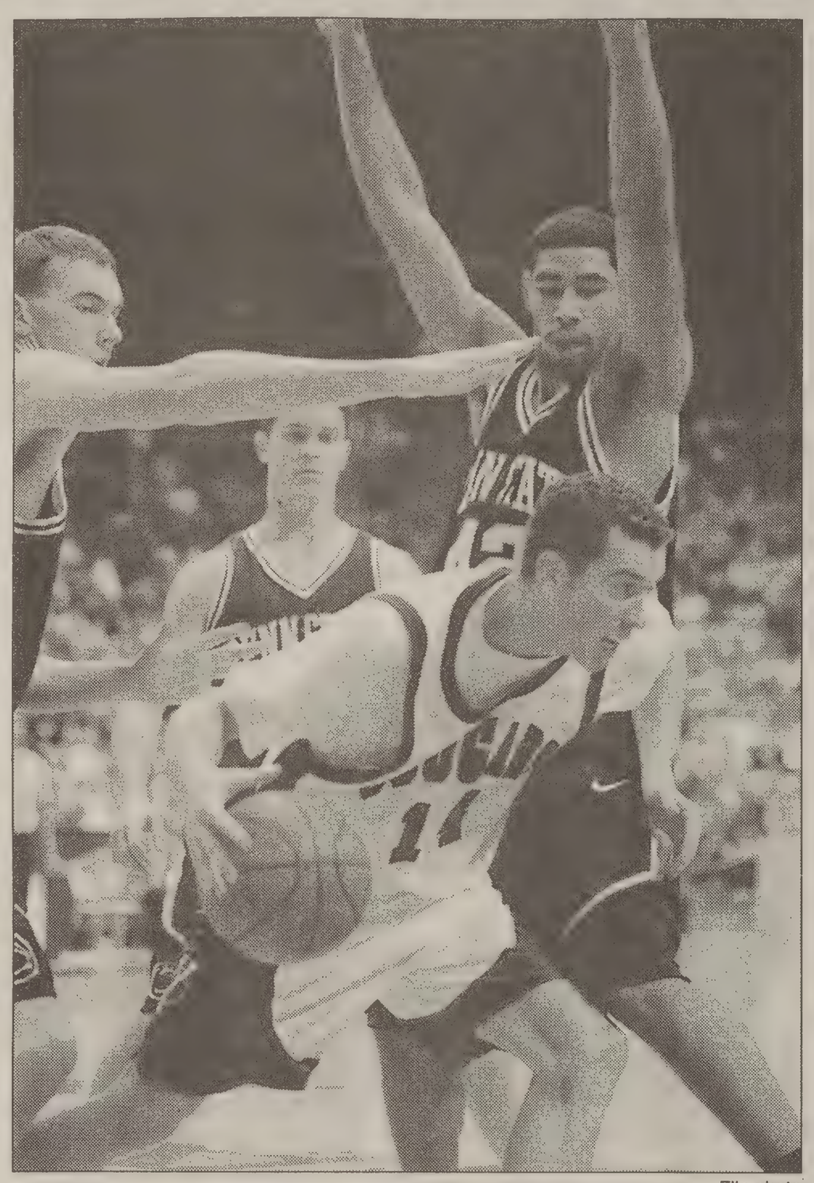
"We had no answer for that guy, no answer at all," said Tulsa head coach Bill Self about Selleaze's play in a news release.

BYU shut down the Golden Hurricane offense, as Tulsa finished a dismal 31 percent from the field, including 5-29 from behind the three-point arc. Tulsa managed 21 points in the first half, but found themselves down only five points.

"The Tulsa game was our best defensive game of the year," Cleveland said in a news release. "We got off to a great start and we executed with the little things at the end."

Cleveland went on to say the Rainbow Classic gave BYU some much needed experience and confidence that translated into the big road victory. Tulsa was picked by the writers and coaches in the preseason to finish third in the WAC's Pacific Division.

Freshman Mekeli Wesley shook off a recent slump to score 10 points in 33 minutes. Wesley is the only Cougar to start every game this season and is the second leading scorer on BYU's squad. But he was held to 23 points in BYU's three games at the Rainbow Classic, well below his 13-point average.



File photo

BYU guard Danny Bower hooks his way to the basket during a Cougar loss to Penn State at the Marriott Center Dec. 2. BYU is on a roll after defeating Tulsa on the road Monday night.

With the victory, BYU improved to 5-9, including 4-3 in its last seven games. The upswing has to be credited in part to the arrival of Selleaze and the improved play of guards Danny Bower and Brian Dignan. Bower scored 23 points in the win against Ohio State, tying a BYU record with 7 three-pointers.

Dignan has averaged 29 minutes per game this season, and while he is averaging a paltry 4.5 points per game, his presence has been felt in other areas. Dignan leads the team in assists, averaging over five per game. He is also the player looked on to bring up the ball. He broke the Tulsa press and created a shot for his teammates time and time again.

For now, it's back to work for the Cougars as Utah, ranked No. 3 in the country, visits the Marriott Center Saturday. At No. 3, Utah is the highest ranked team BYU has played at the Marriott Center since Pittsburgh in 1986 when the Panthers were also ranked No. 3.

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BYU forward Barbie Carmichael drives past a defender during a Cougar practice Tuesday at the Marriott Center. BYU will travel to Salt Lake Saturday to take on the undefeated Utes.

Women's team gears up for WAC season

By DARREN WILCOX
Sports Editor

The BYU women's basketball team struggled through the holiday break, losing four of six games at the Marriott Center.

Despite the losses, the Cougars record stands at a respectable 5-7 with WAC play just beginning. The Cougars are 0-2 in the WAC, losing to New Mexico and UTEP over the weekend.

What is frustrating for the team is the ways it has lost. The two WAC losses were by a total of five points and both games should have been won by the Cougars. However, poor execution down the stretch did in the squad.

Through it all, first-year coach Trent Shippen maintains a positive attitude toward his team.

"It's frustrating, but we can't get down on ourselves," Shippen said in a news release. "We just need to have better mental toughness down the stretch."

Through the first 12 games, however, toughness doesn't seem to be the issue. Even with the recent squeakers, BYU's average margin of victory has been 12 points, while its average loss has been by 11 points. In other words, the Cougars tend to win and lose the same way: convincingly.

But all the stats go out the window with the start of the WAC season. Last season BYU started the season by losing 8 of its first 11 games, all non-conference battles. But the Cougars battled back to go 7-9 in the WAC and earn a berth in the conference tournament. The team hopes a better showing this season in non-conference games will translate over to a better WAC record.

The Cougars have been led by the inside-outside game of senior co-captains Barbie Carmichael and Kari Gallup. The two combine to average 29.5 points per game, 43 percent of the team's scoring. Carmichael leads the team in field goal percentage, shooting a sizzling 53 percent for the year, and is second in rebounds and steals. Her 60 rebounds are five behind her total in 29 games last season.

"I worked a lot more during the summer than I did the year before," Carmichael said. "I think I'm getting more playing time and just feeling more confident."

Carmichael said her rebounds are not always planned, but at times it comes down to good position.

"For me, my rebounds, a lot of it is just being in the right place at the right time," she said.

Gallup has improved her game this season and leads the team in assists, averaging 3.5 per game. Gallup, Carmichael and Lori Henry are the only Cougars to start every game.

"Our players are able to score more this year," Gallup said. "There are some players that can really shoot, so instead of me passing it to a player who's going to then pass it to another player for a score, I pass it to someone who's going to make the shot."

One player who hasn't started but has made a definite impact is sophomore transfer Angela Burgess, who is third on the team in rebounds despite averaging 15 minutes per game. Burgess has stepped up in the two conference losses, averaging 10 points and pulling down 10 rebounds.

"If we can get her the ball she's going to pretty much put it in and go to the foul line, because she's so hard to play defense on," Carmichael said. "Just from the year before we weren't very tall, and she brings height to us and helps us out a lot."

Next up the Cougars travel to Salt Lake Saturday to take on an undefeated Utah team ranked No. 22 in the nation.

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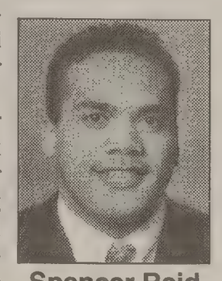
Four Cougar all-stars prepare for NFL d

By SCOTT BELL
Associate Sports Editor

While most BYU students spend the beginning of January adjusting to new classes, four BYU football players have other things on their minds.

Like playing well in post-season all-star games and making a good showing for NFL scouts and coaches.



Spencer Reid

Cornerback Omarr Morgan, tight end/fullback Dustin Johnson, linebacker Spencer Reid and running back Brian McKenzie all finished up their senior seasons last fall for the Cougars. Each of the four players are participating in various all-star games and are hoping to hear their names called in the NFL draft April 18 and 19.

Reid is the only member of the quartet to already take part in a post-season game. He played in the Blue/Gray All-Star game in Montgomery, Ala., on Christmas day and the results were impressive. The American Samoa native was named the Most Outstanding Defensive Player for the Blue squad.

"There were a lot of scouts there," Reid said. "I got a lot of positive feedback. I just want to make sure I give (the NFL) my best shot and see what happens. I'll just leave it up to the Lord."

Reid will also play in the Hula Bowl on Jan. 17 in Maui, Hawaii. He finished the 1997 with 75 tackles, second on the team.

Morgan is back home in Los Angeles for the winter. He will play in the Senior Bowl in Mobile, Ala., Jan. 17. Morgan's draft prospects look pretty good; according to him, The Sporting News rated him the 10th best cornerback in the draft.

"I've been working out," Morgan said. "For the first time in my career, I've been lifting weights and running. I just want to get drafted. There were a lot of players last year who didn't get drafted. I think I have a legitimate shot."

Morgan's friend and fellow corner in 1996 Tim McTyer went undrafted last year, but then caught on as a free agent with the Indianapolis Colts. Morgan doesn't want to go that route. He finished the 1997 season with 34 tackles and seven broken up passes.

Johnson just barely got a call from the East/West Shrine game Monday. The game takes place Saturday in Palo Alto, Calif. Johnson has been working out with Reid in the BYU facilities in preparation for his shot at the pros.

"The scouts don't say a whole lot," Johnson said. "They mostly watch film of you. But I've had some pretty positive comments from a lot of them."

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17. Michigan (12-3)
18. Syracuse (12-1)
19. Xavier (8-3)
20. Marquette (10-0)
21. Hawaii (11-1)
22. Arkansas (11-2)
23. Rhode Island (8-2)
24. Clemson (10-4)
25. West Virginia (12-2)

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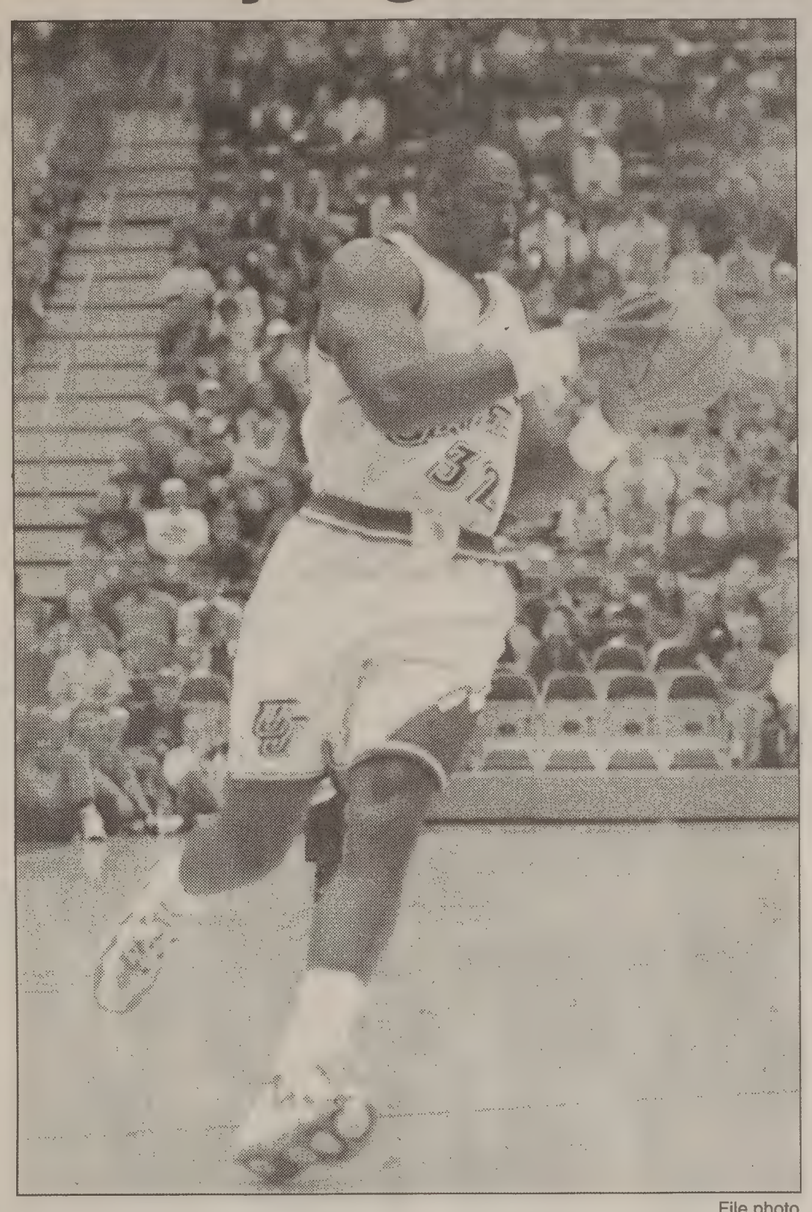

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Jazz forward Karl Malone shows his stuff in a game at the Delta Center. The Jazz withstood a late run to beat the Sixers Tuesday.

LAKE CITY — Greg blocked 11 shots and Karl scored 21 points and hit ee throws in overtime night as the Utah Jazz e Philadelphia 76ers 98-95. verson banked in a 3-point- 2.8 seconds left in regula- te the score at 88, capping a 1-5 run by Philadelphia final 9:40 of the fourth

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ULLS 90, CELTICS 79

AGO — Dennis Rodman another 20 rebounds and ukoc scored 9 of his 19 during a decisive second-half e Chicago Bulls won their aight home game, 90-79 ston on Tuesday night.

a also had eight rebounds assists and Michael Jordan 9 for Chicago, which has of its last 12 games and d its NBA-best home record

e Walker and Ron Mercer points apiece for the Celtics, 1-13 against Chicago since of the 1994-95 season.

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COUVER, British Columbia quille O'Neal had 25 points, unds and five assists in his rt since returning from an nd the Los Angeles Lakers e a poor first half to defeat ver 100-87 Tuesday night.

ngeles erased a nine-point e deficit by hitting 10 shots to open the third quar- held the lead the rest of the

akers were dreadful from the floor in the first half, shooting a shade below 29 percent, but finished at 42.7 percent (35-for-82) from the field.

Bryant Reeves led Vancouver with 24 points, shooting 11-of-15 with 11 rebounds and four assists. Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 21 points.

SUNS 81, PACERS 80

INDIANAPOLIS — Rex Chapman scored 18 points and the Phoenix Suns — despite Cliff Robinson missing 11 of his final 12 free throws — defeated Indiana 81-80 Tuesday night to snap the Pacers' 10-game home winning streak.

Chapman missed a 3-pointer with 10 seconds left, setting up Indiana for a shot at the win. But Travis Best missed a baseline runner at the buzzer.

The Pacers, who shot a season-low 34 percent from the field, got 15 points from Reggie Miller and 11 points and 10 rebounds from Rik Smits. But Miller shot just 3-for-12, and he and Smits had just one field goal each in the second half.

tzky tops list of North American all-stars

Associated Press

ORK — Wayne Gretzky, who has played in each -Star game since his rookie year in 1979-80, e list of 15 players added to the North America eam Tuesday.

will make his 17th All-Star appearance on Jan. ncouver, against a team of World All-Stars. He Gordie Howe (23) in career appearances.

, who has the most goals in All-Star history with tied with Mario Lemieux for most points with 20, oined by three members each of the Dallas Stars Jersey Devils.

eman Darryl Sydor, goaltender Ed Belfour and center Mike Modano will represent the Stars, while defensemen Scott Niedermayer and Scott Stevens and goalie Martin Brodeur will be there from the Devils.

The other members of the team are wing Tony Amonte and defenseman Chris Chelios of Chicago; wings Mark Recchi and Shayne Corson of Montreal; center Joe Sakic of Colorado; wing Theoren Fleury of Calgary; center Doug Weight of Edmonton; and wing Keith Tkachuk of Phoenix.

The starters on the team, announced last week after a vote by the fans, are center Eric Lindros and wing John LeClair of Philadelphia, wing Brendan Shanahan of Detroit, defensemen Ray Bourque of Boston and Brian Leetch of the Rangers and goaltender Patrick Roy of Colorado.

ders fire Bugel after worst season in 35 years

Associated Press

AND, Calif. — Joe Bugel, the Oakland Raiders to rst record in 35 years in his son as coach, was fired

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iders, who have missed the four straight seasons, will hing for their fourth coach e end of the 1994 season. as promoted when his pre- , Mike White, was fired on as Eve 1996 after two sea- coach.

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said the Raiders have not yet nterviewing for a replace- r Bugel, but said the team y contacted the New York king permission to talk to e coordinator Bill Belichick is availability for an assis- b in Oakland.

said the Raiders also have permission from the dlphia Eagles to speak with t coach Jon Gruden about a osition in Oakland.

was an assistant coach with hington from 1981-89, when skins won two Super Bowls. that, he worked as an assis- Houston and Detroit.

Bugel was not available for comment Tuesday, but said following the team's final game that he knew changes had to be made in the off-season.

"This team is not in disarray. We don't have a lot of dissension, which I keep hearing about," Bugel said. "I thought our team played with great effort throughout the whole year. We just came up short. We know we have some things we need to fix."

On Tuesday morning, Bugel was informed by owner Al Davis that the changes would begin with the head coach.

Allen said Bugel's assistant coaches will be welcome to interview for similar jobs with the new head coach, but that none of them will be considered for the top job.

In addition to Belichick and Gruden, considered for the job before Bugel was hired last January, another possible candidate is Minnesota's Dennis Green. He has feuded with Vikings owners, and has expressed an interest in coaching Oakland if he leaves Minnesota.

Allen said the decision to fire Bugel was not made immediately after the final game because Davis wanted time to look back at the season. It was the Raiders' worst since they went 1-13 in 1962 — the year before Davis joined the team.

"We wanted to make sure we took some time to clearly investigate and evaluate what happened this year," Allen said. "Mr. Davis and Joe had some time to talk."

After the Raiders flirted with a West Coast-style short passing game under White, Bugel promised to return to the bombs-away Raiders of the 1960s and 1970s and to return the team to its days of glory.

The offense responded, with free agent quarterback Jeff George throwing for 29 touchdowns and setting a club record with 3,917 yards passing. Brown broke franchise records with his 104 catches for 1,408 yards.

But the Oakland defense was worst in the NFL, and the offense was too inconsistent to overcome the defensive failings.

The Raiders, who proclaim themselves "The Team of the Decades," are only 66-62 in the 1990s and have made the playoffs just once in the past six years. They sold out just one home game this season.

Cougar swimmers hope to make a splash in '98

By JOEL WHITE
Associate Sports Editor

BYU's swimming and diving teams are starting the new year looking to continue the successful season they began last year.

The men's and women's swimming teams started 1998 with strong showings at the Irvine Invitational Jan. 3.

The men, ranked No. 25 in the nation, won the seven-team meet with a score of 671 points, while the women finished second out of 10 teams with 238 team points.

"We dominated, pretty much," said men's coach Tim Powers, of the meet at Cal-Irvine.

First-place finishers for the Cougars were Arunas Savickas and John Parise for the men, and Sarah McKeever for the women.

Savickas won the 100 and 200-yard backstroke and the 200-yard freestyle. Parise won both the 50 and 100-yard freestyle and McKeever took the 200-yard butterfly and 200-yard individual medley.

Meanwhile, seven members of the diving team are in Austin, Texas today and Thursday for the All-American Diving Invitational.

The Cougars will be represented by four women divers — Christina Conn, Rachel Degener, Jenny Rogers and Rachelle Smith — along with three men — Justin Wilcock, Matthew Dahl and Devan Porter. The meet regularly attracts the top divers in the nation.

Next up for the men's swimming team is a dual meet at Washington this weekend. The meet carries extra weight, according to Powers, because of the team's new national ranking.

"We're taking (the ranking) in there with us," he said. "Washington is always really tough at home. We've been able to beat them when they come down here, but they always seem rested when they swim at home."

But the coaching staff isn't really worried about the meet.

"We really expect to do well (at the Washington meet) this weekend," said Danny May, assistant coach. "We hope to swim well."

Powers is satisfied with the way his team has performed so far this season. The men's team is undefeated in dual meets.

"I feel really good about this season," he said. "We're swimming well and I think we're looking good. We've already broken seven school records."

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>
> *--Tim Powers*
> *Men's swim coach*

The Cougars have two of the top ranked swimmers in the nation, Byron Shefchik and Savickas.

Shefchik has already qualified for NCAA national competition in the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke, while Savickas has set school records in the 200 and 500-yard freestyle and the 200-yard backstroke.

"I think (being ranked 25th) is a good place to start with the main portion of the season coming up," Powers said.

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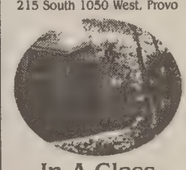
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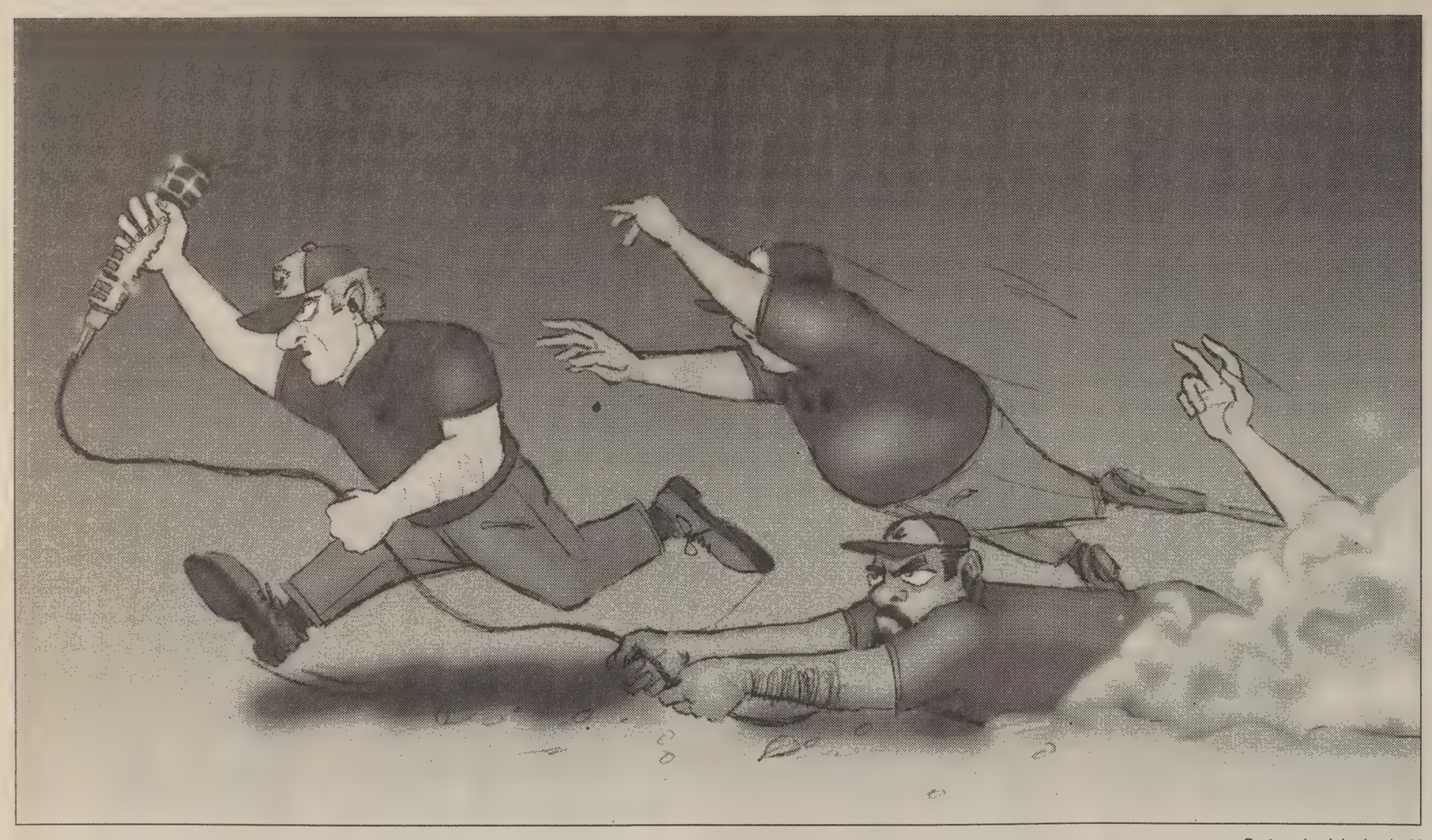

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Sportscasters are more than a good voice

By JASON PARKER
Universe Staff Writer

They are revered as celebrities, they earn good money, travel constantly and rub shoulders with the best athletes on the planet.

Sportscasters, the voices and personalities who bring sports to life in ways no other person can. Sportscasting is a glamorous highly sought-after profession, but because the number of on-air sportscasting jobs are few, competition is intense.

ESPN Sportscaster Jack Edwards estimated that there are 100 sportscasting jobs available between ESPN and the four major networks.

If statistics decide a man's destiny, then he has a better chance of playing in an NBA game than announcing one.

Many of today's sportscasters have past experience playing professional sports.

"Sportscasting assures ex-players that they can stay in the game," said Ron Boone, a former NBA player and sportscaster with KFNZ radio in Salt Lake City. "They go to an ex-player because of his knowledge of the game."

Like many athletes, coaches find themselves leaning from the sidelines toward the announcer's booth when they retire. They diagram plays, comment on player performance, analyze coaching decisions and explain team match-ups.

"Most of these jobs are color analyst jobs. I think what happens is, that for those guys, the door opens much wider," said Craig Bolerjack, KSL and ESPN sportscaster. "It depends again ... do they have the talent? A lot of those guys have just come and gone."

Companies use recognized sports figures to attract an audience, regardless of the quality of their input.

"Ditka wasn't anything special, I'm not a really big Joe Gibbs fan, Dr. J is mediocre ... those are the names that help draw in the viewer, but I tell you what, the viewer is pretty darn smart in my book and I think sometimes they go 'uh I don't know,'" Bolerjack said.

Bolerjack said he believes anyone can make it in sportscasting despite having no professional coaching or athletic experience. He feels many of today's retired athletes and coaches lack the skills needed to keep them on the air.

"A lot of those guys can't do it," Bolerjack said. "They're not educated in what journalism is, they're not educated on how to handle themselves in verbiage and how to handle themselves in a concise manner with professional flair."

Bolerjack encouraged students interested in sportscasting to pursue their goals regardless of past sports involvement.

"You can go as far as you want depending on how hard you work," Bolerjack said. "Don't think that because you didn't play professionally ... that doesn't have anything to do with it."

In a job where a speaking voice is vitally important, many sportscasters have trained to develop a specific voice for their broadcast delivery.

"I've always done voice exercises, cause it's the instrument I play in the orchestra," Edwards said. "I had an outstanding voice teacher who helped me work around elocution problems and correct slumps that just about everybody goes through."

Others agree that a good voice is essential for a broadcaster.

"You reach a point where your voice becomes your identity," Boone said.

While at Kansas State University, Bolerjack made his break for the microphone after his dream of playing football was destroyed because of injuries.

"My passion was to play," he said. "I played every sport that you could put a pad or a shoe on."

After enduring several knee surgeries, Bolerjack almost left college because he couldn't continue to play football.

"My brother, luckily, was there. His buddies sat me down and said, 'hey Craig, sports is your life, Kansas State actually has a school of journalism,'" Bolerjack said. "I went over and stuck my toe in the water and it's like a little light bulb went on. I said, 'hey this is what I want to do.'"

No matter how a person prepares, he or she must get the breaks to begin and stay working in sportscasting.

James began his broadcasting career in Brigham City where he worked as a disc jockey. The station aired a sports show and didn't have anyone who knew how to run it. James says he started by filling in on the sports show and "has been filling in ever since."

"I was in the right place at the right time," James said. "The way it's done is get your foot in the door as a prop guy, answering the telephone, and then you can prove your worth."

The real break is being able to perform when opportunity presents itself.

"Opportunities will come, you just have to take advantage of them as they come by and you can prove to them that you can do something else."

Bolerjack echoed James' words.

"It's taking a chance and then hopefully when they give you that opportunity, especially on the national level, that you can perform," he said. "There's no room to fail or they'll let you know you're gone the next day. Hopefully when it comes time and the red light's on, you do what you think you've prepared yourself for."

All of these sportscasters said breaks had helped them in their careers, but emphasized their preparation when the opportunities were before them.

"I believe strongly in Branch Rickey's saying that luck is the residue of design," Edwards said. "A lot of people have told me I've been very lucky in my career. I could list for you a long litany of reasons why I haven't been lucky, and I think that's probably true of anyone who is in a similar position to me."

Indoor football practice facility nearing approval

By SCOTT BELL
Associate Sports Editor

A new indoor practice facility for the football team is nearing the completion of preliminary planning and approval stages.

There is still a ways to go before the facility can be built and no exact date has been set for completion, but one thing is sure: the Athletic Department would have liked this facility some time ago.

"The coaches would have liked to have had an indoor facility completed a decade ago," said Athletic Director Rondo Fehlberg. "If we could have done it then, it would've come on the heels of our national championship and allowed us to stay ahead of the competition."

Of course, Fehlberg wasn't around in 1986. He was appointed Athletic Director in 1995. But he shares the opinion that the facility is long overdue.

Most major college football programs have indoor practice facilities. Even Utah State of the lowly Big West Conference is in the process of building a full-size indoor facility. The University of Utah has a 60-yard indoor facility covered by a bubble.

"It's a shame we're playing catch-up," Fehlberg said. "It's disappointing to see BYU, with all we've accomplished and all the hard work people have done over the years, lose that advantage. A decade ago, we were ahead in terms of facilities. We had one of the finest basketball arenas in the country. We had a new stadium. There was a lot of excitement in Provo. We were going places. Unfortunately, we lost that advantage. Now, we're having to re-create that momentum we had."

BYU football is fine as long as the weather is good. The problems arise when the weather turns foul, as it has a tendency to do in Provo. Particularly in November and December when the Cougars are preparing for season-ending games and bowl games, they are at a distinct disadvantage.

Currently, the team practices in the west annex of the Smith Fieldhouse. The area isn't even big enough for the entire team to practice at once. The offense and defense take turns. When the offense practices, there isn't sufficient space to spread out and run all its plays. Hitting nets, used for other sports, limit passing to ten yards.

Poor preparation due to inferior facilities may be the major cause of BYU's lackluster bowl record. BYU is 7-12-1 all-time in bowl games, even after winning in its last two appearances.

"Take a day like today," said Assistant Athletic Director for External Relations Val Hale, speaking on a snowy December day. "Suppose BYU was preparing for the Humanitarian Bowl in Boise. In the past, we've gone to a warm weather bowl site early and done two-a-days to get prepared. So it becomes an added expense to move the team early. If we were going to Boise, we couldn't even do that, regardless of the expense."

According to Hale, BYU has the worst indoor facilities out of all the cold-weather schools in the WAC, including Utah, Wyoming, Colorado State and Air Force.

So why wasn't the facility built back in 1986 as many would have liked? Because of money.

"We had just expanded the stadium and there was a feeling on campus that we couldn't begin additional athletic facilities until the stadium was paid for," Fehlberg said. "So ... we didn't begin additional facilities until that was paid for."

In an interview with the Deseret News in October, Advancement Vice President R.J. Snow estimated that the facility could cost approximately $22 million. Fehlberg said that estimate included the cost of the facility itself and the infrastructure cost of reconfiguring the lower campus.

The facility would be built west of the football team's outdoor practice field. It would take up part of the major parking lot, and Haws Field, the field west of the Smith Fieldhouse.

According to Hale, under the plan no parking will be lost in the reconfiguration. Any loss of parking would not be looked upon favorably by students and faculty on the already parking-strapped campus.

The funds needed for the facility would be raised entirely by the Athletic Department. No tuition money or LDS Church tithing funds would be necessary. The Athletic Department would run various fund-raising campaigns to generate enough money.

The indoor practice facility is the anchor to a 20-year master plan for development put together jointly by the Athletic Department and the College of Health and Human Performance. The plan was added to a university-wide facilities plan, which then began the arduous approval process.

According to Fehlberg, the university facilities master plan has made its way to the University Trustees. He stressed that the plan is only in proposal form; no request to build has been made.

"I don't know that a decision will be forthcoming," Fehlberg said, "because there was no request to build facilities. This was just to make them aware of what we're planning on this campus over the next decade and beyond."

But Fehlberg also said that no negative feedback has been received from the Trustees.

"It's fair to say that if the Trustees saw things that concerned them," Fehlberg said, "they would make us aware."

So for now, there is no exact time scheduled for building to begin.

In addition to its primary function of housing an 120-yard artificial turf practice field, the indoor facility would also contain a 300-meter track. Hale envisioned a future where students had as much access to and benefit from the facility as did athletes.

"My guess is the College of Health and Human Performance would have access from 6 a.m. until noon," Hale said. "Then athletics would use it in the afternoon, and intramurals would use it in the evening. But that's just my guess."

Other parts of the Athletic Department's 20-year plan include eight more indoor tennis courts, additional seating at the soccer field and seating for 6,000 in the Smith Fieldhouse. With the new track at the indoor facility, the indoor track in the Fieldhouse could be scrapped for more seating.

But until approval is given by the Trustees, all plans are purely theoretical. The Athletic Department just hopes theory becomes reality some time soon.

Ski resort offers deals to attract college cro

By SCOTT BELL
Associate Sports Editor

The white stuff has been piling up in abundance around Provo lately.

Snow storms draped Utah Valley with several inches of snow Sunday night and more is expected. That is good or bad news depending on who you talk to.

It's definitely good news for ski and snowboard enthusiasts. And Sundance is trying to make the most of the winter precipitation.

The Provo Canyon Resort is trying to tap into the college market with several deals this season. The first happens Thursday and Friday and is geared at the college crowd. Sundance is holding College Ski Fest '98 over the two days. Any student that doesn't mind skipping out on classes might want to check out the deals.

> ***"This year we're really focusing on getting the college students up here at a rate that fits their pocketbooks."***
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> *-- Missy Larsen*
> *Sundance spokesperson*

On either Thursday or Friday, for $22, a BYU or UVSC student can obtain an all-day ski pass, a free lunch, a mountain tour and possibly a fun race, depending on snow conditions.

The $22 tickets are only available at BYU's Outdoors Unlimited or UVSC's Campus Connection and are only for people without a season pass. Season pass holders can also receive the complimentary meal and participate in the tentative race by simply presenting their pass.

The lunch will be served at the base of the bridge deck near Ray's Lift.

"This year we're really focusing on getting the college students up here at a rate that fits their pocketbooks," said Sundance spokesperson Missy Larsen. "We've had midweek passes and things in the past, but the effort is definitely stronger this year than it has been in the past."

In addition to the lift ticket and free lunch, ski and snowboard demonstrations will also be taking place. Thursday, Milo Sport will be conducting a snowboard demonstration. Anyone who wants can come and try out the latest gear and take it for a run.

Friday and Saturday, Park Sportsman will be at Sundance conducting both a ski and snowboard demonstration. Again, the latest equipment will be available for skiers and snowboarders to try out.

Besides College Ski Fest '98, Sundance is offering a few other promotions. Saturday will be "Take Your Daughter to the Slope Day." Up to two daughters, no matter what age, with a paying parent will get a free all-day pass.

Also, all season long a carpool or UTA discount will be available. If four or more people Sundance in the same ve can get four passes for th three. Also, for those usin buses to get to the resort, e time they go to Sundance l will receive a free pass.

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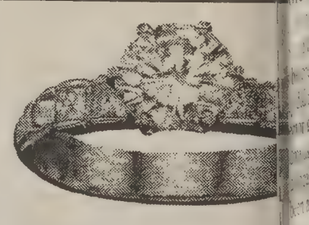

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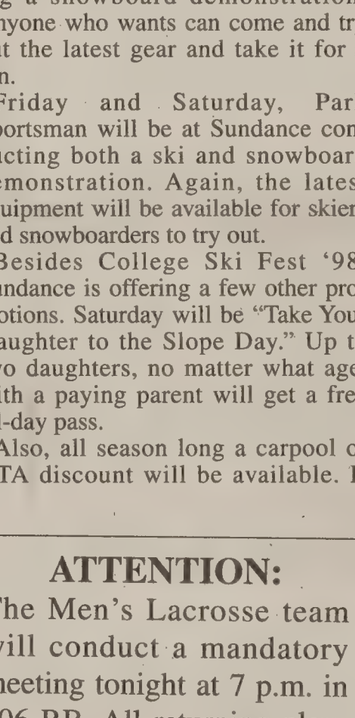

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, Dr. Carolyn Ferree, chair- the committee, said the two high-profile deaths may prompt the nation's largest organization of doctors to rethink the issue and perhaps press for legislation requiring helmet use, even among adults.

Bono died after hitting a tree Monday at a resort on the Nevada-California line.

His death came less than a week after Kennedy, the 39-year-old son of the late Robert F. Kennedy, slammed into a tree while playing football on skis in Aspen, Colo. A coroner said a helmet might have helped Kennedy survive, but it would not have prevented his spinal and neck injuries.

> ***"It makes us aware that this is a dangerous sport."***
>
> *— Patrick Baldwin, Holliston, Mass.*

Head injuries account for 2.6 percent of all ski accidents, according to an AMA report based on ski mishaps at Sugarbush, Vt., from 1981 to 1997. Using an estimate from Sugarbush that was multiplied by the estimated number of ski visits nationally, the AMA concluded there were 135,000 accidents and 3,537 potentially serious head injuries during that period.

Of those head injuries, 77 percent were mild concussions; less than 1 percent were fatal.

By the AMA's estimate, two skiers, on average, die of head injuries each year.

AMA committee members said they tabled the resolution because they had no data on which helmets might be best or how they might be built to provide the greatest protection. Also, their cost can be prohibitive, at $100 to $200 apiece.

But an AMA endorsement of ski helmets could carry considerable weight. In the 1980s, several states adopted bicycle helmet laws based on the recommendation from the prestigious organization.

Some skiers already have made adjustments.

At Gould Academy, a prep school in Bethel, Maine, recent injuries prompted administrators to send a letter to parents urging them to have their children wear helmets. "It's going to help you more times than it's not," said Sue Gardner, athletic director.

Phil Strain of Denver, an avid skier who once suffered a minor concussion on the slopes, said the deaths of Bono and Kennedy prompted him to buy a helmet Tuesday.

"I have taken the accidents as a sign I should act on my intuition," he said while purchasing one at a Denver sporting goods store.

The issue also drew the attention of some congressmen, including House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Rep. Roscoe Bartlett, R-Md.

"If this raises the awareness that one needs to be careful, that's fine," Bartlett said. "But if it leads to some regulations and more involvement of Big Brother, then that's something that Sonny Bono absolutely would not have wanted."

Michael Berry, a spokesman for the National Ski Areas Association, said resorts don't require helmets because there are no recognized standards for which ones are best. He said he doesn't see mandated helmet use in the sport's immediate future.

"If you're in control, then the need for appliances becomes less important," Berry said. "These accidents are focusing attention on a sport that actually has a good safety record."

Other skiers agreed, saying the sport is safe for those who exercise care.

Pat Carr of Fairmont, W.Va., said he has hobbies that are more dangerous. He said he used to race dirt bikes, and his latest avocation is flying. The deaths of Kennedy and Bono were a "freak" occurrence that would not affect his family's plans for a ski trip.

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Associated Press

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san Daniels, Social Security's commissioner for disability, d that this sort of abuse is rare.

"I think this is a fairly isolated example of a family who may have been in cahoots with an unethical health care provider," Daniels said Tuesday, adding that some families may have many disabled members due to genetic disposition to certain diseases.

Still, she was dismayed by the report. "It makes all the others guilty by association," she said. "It really bothers me that families that have legitimate claims will be thought to be fraudulent."

Allegations of fraud in the Supplemental Security Income program prodded Congress to tighten eligibility for children and immigrants in the 1996 welfare overhaul.

And officials have spent the last several months responding to charges that they were cutting off too many children. After a review, newly installed Commissioner Kenneth Apfel concluded that many mistakes were made.

In its official response to the inspector general, Social Security promised to give their workers better instruction manuals and training.

Sen. Charles Grassley, whose Aging Committee oversees Social Security, promised Tuesday to make sure those materials are delivered.

"This case gives us a snapshot picture of the systemic problems plaguing the SSI program," said Grassley, R-Iowa. "Too often people have lied to get benefits."

The Georgia case came to investigators' attention in 1992, when local administrators noticed the large number of claims from a single family. They suspected members were faking their disabilities.

In Georgia, SSI pays up to $494 per month to poor children and adults who meet income and disability guidelines.

By March 1996, investigators had found about 300 family members in four generations, including 181 SSI recipients. Since then, 200 other family members have been identified, it's not clear how many are on SSI.

In 1995, investigators began reviewing the 151 SSI recipients under age 55, ultimately cutting off benefits to 84 of them. After finding more family members, officials cut off six other people.

An analysis of 66 of these terminations found:

— Eighty-eight percent had "medically improved," although it was not clear if their conditions actually improved or if there was nothing wrong in the first place.

— Psychological evaluations showed one in three recipients faked a disability during the review. Those cases alone cost $431,000 in SSI benefits over three years.

— More than half the cases related to mental retardation, with 33 percent showing physical and emotional disorders and 14 percent attention deficit or hyperactivity disorders.

The review also found that Georgia officials used one particular psychologist with offices in Statesboro and Vidalia to evaluate 58 percent of these disability claims and more than half of the claims where evidence showed recipients were faking.

The inspector general recommended that Social Security stop using doctors who show they are not independent enough to make fair judgments. Social Security officials disputed there was a problem.

SSI defenders have often argued that fraud complaints are only anecdotal evidence of problems, not necessarily representing systemic trouble.

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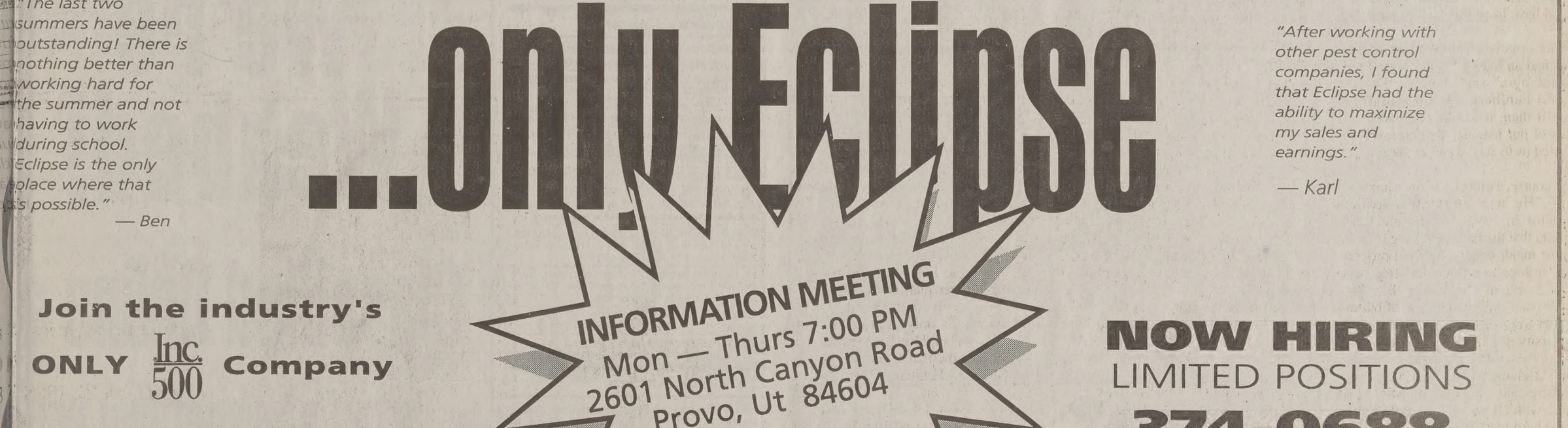
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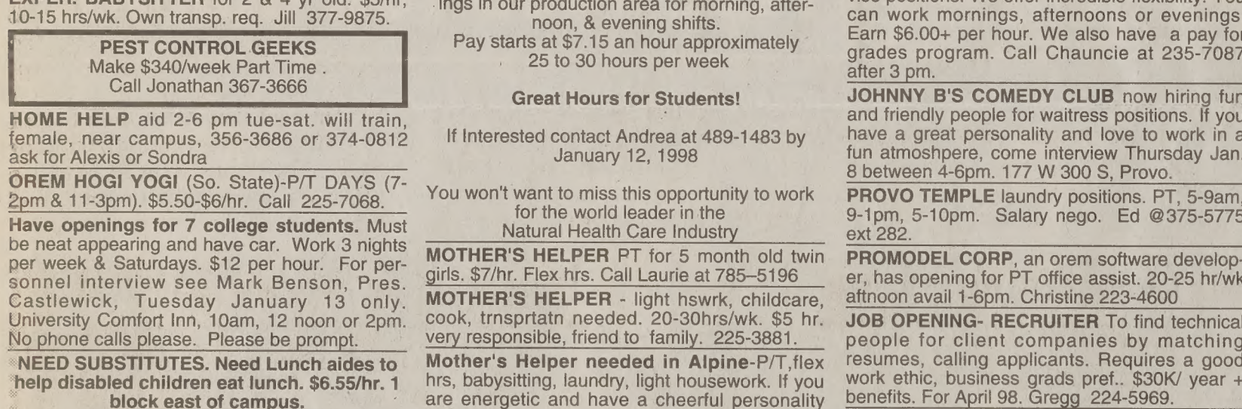
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sian farmers were startled lay when Fossett's shiny, sil- balloon floated onto their dy wheat fields, and some l it was a UFO. On Tuesday, ver, they greeted the American nturer like an old friend.

out 50 farmers were waiting ossett when he returned to col- he $350,000 balloon that car- him more than 7,300 miles St. Louis before equipment es forced him to land.

e-deep in mud and soaked by the farmers had waited several for Fossett, who was delayed engthy lunch with local emer- officials and border guards. tt feasted on borscht and pick- cabbage salad while the ians toasted him with vodka.

khail Panchenko gave his as a memento to the unex- d visitor to his farm, and other ers snapped group photographs ssett unfurled a U.S. flag.

farmers then pitched in to him wrap up the balloon and load the gondola onto a flatbed truck, which had to be pulled by tractor for more than a mile through the field of deep mud before reaching the nearest paved road.

Fossett, a 53-year-old Chicago commodities trader, said Tuesday that any successful around-the-world balloon voyage may have to be made in a pressurized capsule.

"What is discouraging is that so far I've been trying to fly in an unpressurized capsule and we've gotten that equipment developed to a very high state," Fossett told The Associated Press. "So I don't have a lot more development to do there, yet it's still not good enough."

His problems included a broken cockpit heater, which sent temperatures plunging to 24 degrees, and the failure of one of his two gas heaters.

A pressurized balloon allows pilots to fly at much higher altitudes, where they can take advantage of stronger wind currents. Fossett flew at about 23,000 feet and was hampered by uncooperative winds.

"The weather patterns are much easier at a higher altitude," said Fossett, who looked well-rested after spending the night at a hotel in the southern town of Krasnodar.

Several other balloonists have been competing with Fossett to make the first around-the-world trip — including British tycoon Richard Branson, whose balloon accidentally took off without him last month in Morocco. It was recovered in Algeria.

Americans Dick Rutan and Dave Melton postponed plans late Monday to launch their pressurized balloon from Albuquerque, N.M., because of unfavorable winds over the Atlantic.

In Switzerland, balloonists Bertrand Piccard and Wim Verstraeten are planning to launch their own quest — their second try — from the mountain village of Chateau d'Oex on Thursday.

Fossett said he hadn't yet decided whether to try again.

"I want to see how the other teams have done and see if I can learn something about their equipment, and then decide whether I want to prepare for next year," he said.

Rutan and Melton had planned to cruise at altitudes of up to 36,000 feet.

Fossett took off from St. Louis on Dec. 31, seeking to break his own record of traveling 10,361 miles in a balloon. But after a few days of smooth sailing, he made an emergency landing in Panchenko's wheat field.

Fossett plans to return to the United States later this week. His balloon will be shipped to Britain for repairs.

Singer-Swapp clan ask for new trial on bombing

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Two members of a polygamous clan involved in a Mormon chapel bombing and subsequent 13-day siege a decade ago are asking for new trials. They said Tuesday that the federal government had no jurisdiction in the case.

Clan leader Addam Swapp and his brother-in-law, John Timothy Singer, are serving lengthy federal prison terms for a variety of convictions stemming from the January 1988 dynamite blast inside the chapel in Marion.

The explosion triggered a siege in which more than 150 state and federal agents surrounded a tiny cabin compound where Swapp and 14 other family members, including nine children, had barricaded themselves. It ended in a botched arrest attempt and shootout in which state Corrections officer Fred House was killed and Swapp critically wounded.

Now, a decade later, Singer — who fired the fatal shot — and Swapp are claiming the federal government illegally stretched its jurisdiction by claiming the chapel was involved in interstate commerce through its collection of church tithes and Boy Scout dues.

Indeed, Swapp's attorney, Michael Humiston, argued the family was justified in taking up arms against the dozens of FBI and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents who descended on the rural farming community.

"If federal officers are acting outside their jurisdiction illegally, then a person may defend themselves, even to the extent of using deadly force," Humiston told U.S. District Judge Bruce Jenkins, citing a turn-of-the-century federal court ruling.

Humiston and Singer's attorney, Mary Corporon, argued that Jenkins should vacate the men's convictions — Swapp is serving 20 years and Singer 10 — and give them a new trial. They want the benefit of a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling sharply limiting the application of the Interstate Commerce Act as a trigger for federal intervention in criminal cases.

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> *-- Mary Corporon, Humiston and Singer's attorney*

And the government's involvement should be doubly suspect in cases involving churches, Corporon said.

"The operation of a church in Marion, Utah, I would contend, is not a matter of commerce at all," she said. "The operation of that church is not a federal matter."

But U.S. Attorney for Utah David Schwendiman argued that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is an international organization and that the chapel's finances — in which more than $1 million a year in tithing and other funds were collected and deposited in banks — fell clearly within the auspices of interstate commerce.

The jury that convicted Swapp, he said, felt that way as well. "There couldn't be anything more in the stream of interstate commerce," he said.

Corporon is also asking Jenkins to consider the possibility that FBI laboratories, under fire for lax procedures and a pro-prosecution bent, may have tainted evidence in the case. She cited no evidence and Schwendiman adamantly defended the integrity of the Singer-Swapp investigation.

Jenkins did not indicate when he might rule. Even if he grants the petition, Swapp and Singer both still face one-to-15 year sentences in state prison for manslaughter convictions stemming from House's death.

Swapp was in the courtroom Tuesday, as were about 30 family members, including his mother-in-law, Vickie Singer, who served three years in prison for her role in the bombing.

The bombing at the chapel occurred Jan. 16, 1988, 10 years to the day after Vickie Singer's husband, polygamist John Singer, had been gunned down by state police trying to arrest him after he refused to put his children in public school.

Vickie Singer and Swapp — who had married two of her daughters — believed the blast would herald an uprising against the Mormon church and state and federal governments that would culminate in John Singer's resurrection.

Instead, it brought a swarm of state and federal lawmen who over the next two weeks engaged in a psychological war in which they refined techniques that would later become infamous in the Branch Davidian standoff at Waco, Texas, and in the shootout at white separatist Randy Weaver's cabin at Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

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the viewers is University of student Michelle Miles, who think 30 seconds is long o convey complex medical

nagazine ads are better because you get the full page explaining all of the side effects, and you can't do that on TV," said Ms. Miles, 32.

Many doctors agree, according to a recent survey of nearly 5,000 physicians by industry researcher IMS America and the Internet service Physicians Online. Nine out of 10 doctors in the survey said the same number or more patients asked for specific brand-name drugs last year. More than 60 percent want drug makers to cut back or pull the plug on TV advertising.

Drug makers point out that the ads put patients in doctors' waiting rooms. Merck & Co., the biggest buyer of TV commercials for prescription drugs during the first half of 1996 at $30.7 million, says its ads could prompt the 60 percent of heart disease sufferers who aren't treated to get help.

"Physicians remain our most important audience, but they can't treat people who don't show up in their office," said Julie Dean, spokeswoman for Glaxo Wellcome, the No. 3 spender at $19.8 million through June 1997. Glaxo's ads vow to suppress genital herpes with Valtrex, "just once a day."

Doctors concede the ads appear to bring in more patients. Besides, it's the doctor, not the patient, who writes the prescription, said Brodhead, associate professor of medicine at USC University Hospital.

"If they are persistent enough, they're going to find a doctor who prescribes what they desire, but no one puts a gun to your head and says, 'Prescribe this drug,'" he said.

Before the FDA relaxed the rules, TV spots had to explain side effects thoroughly if the ad mentioned both the product name and the ailment it was meant to treat.

As a result, Pharmacia & Upjohn ran 30-minute infomercials for its Rogaine baldness treatment, and scrolled a Constitution-length warning down the screen during its Depo-Provera ads.

But most drug makers who used TV simply skirted the rules by mentioning only the product name or an illness, but not both.

The ads left millions of Americans struggling to understand why the woman on their screen was windsurfing across a wheat field over the word "Allegra," and why a mountain climber in a business suit was yelling "Zyrtec." The ads didn't mention that the drugs are allergy treatments.

The middle man in murder confesses

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FARMINGTON, Utah — Joseph Wright, the confessed middle man in the contract slaying of Jill Allen, testified Tuesday that his wife knew of the alleged murder plot.

Wright said his wife, Jenny, also accompanied him and admitted hit man George Taylor on four trips to the Allens' North Salt Lake apartment building while the two men planned the murder. On one occasion, he said, the Wrights took along their 8-year-old daughter.

Wright finished his testimony in the preliminary hearing for Jill's husband, Paul Allen, before 2nd District Judge Michael Allphin.

Under a plea agreement, Wright will plead guilty to two third-degree felonies for his role in the alleged plot and likely receive a sentence of eight to 10 years. Jenny Wright has been granted immunity from prosecution as a condition of her husband's deal.

Allphin will decide whether Allen, 28, will be tried on charges of aggravated murder, solicitation of aggravated murder, conspiracy to commit aggravated first-degree murder and insurance fraud. If convicted, he could get the death penalty.

Wright admitted approaching Taylor with the plan and giving him an apartment key and $8,000 for beating and strangling Jill Allen on Sept. 26, 1996.

The preliminary hearing continues Wednesday, when prosecutors are expected to call Taylor to the stand.

When prosecutors asked if Allen asked him to murder his wife, Wright replied, "Yes, he did."

Wright's testimony outlined many details of the planning and carrying out of the murder. Wright said that Taylor had initially planned to shoot Jill Allen and took a handgun to her apartment on the night of the murder.

"(Taylor) told me that he hit her in the back of the head with the gun, and the handle broke, so he couldn't use it," Wright said.

Wright said he later took the pieces of the gun from Taylor and threw them into the Weber River.

Under cross-examination by Allen defense attorney Ron Yengich, Wright admitted to trafficking in stolen goods and selling drugs. He also said that Paul Allen had bought items from him in the past.

Yengich repeatedly questioned Wright about the deal Wright's attorneys made with prosecutors in exchange for Wright's testimony. Eventually, Wright indicated that immunity for his wife was the reason he made the deal.

Wright said that Jenny Wright didn't participate in planning the logistics of the murder, but that she never tried to talk him out of it. He also said that it was possible their daughter heard them talking about the murder.

Wright said that Allen had paid $3,500 up front in the weeks before the killing. Soon, Allen began to complain that the murder was taking too long to complete.

"(Allen) said, 'You don't have to live with her. You don't have to live with her,"' Wright said. "(Taylor) said to tell him that he could get a divorce and lose everything, so this way is cheaper."

Wright said that Allen didn't want Jill murdered in their apartment because "he didn't want to have his stuff stolen, and he didn't want to find her body."

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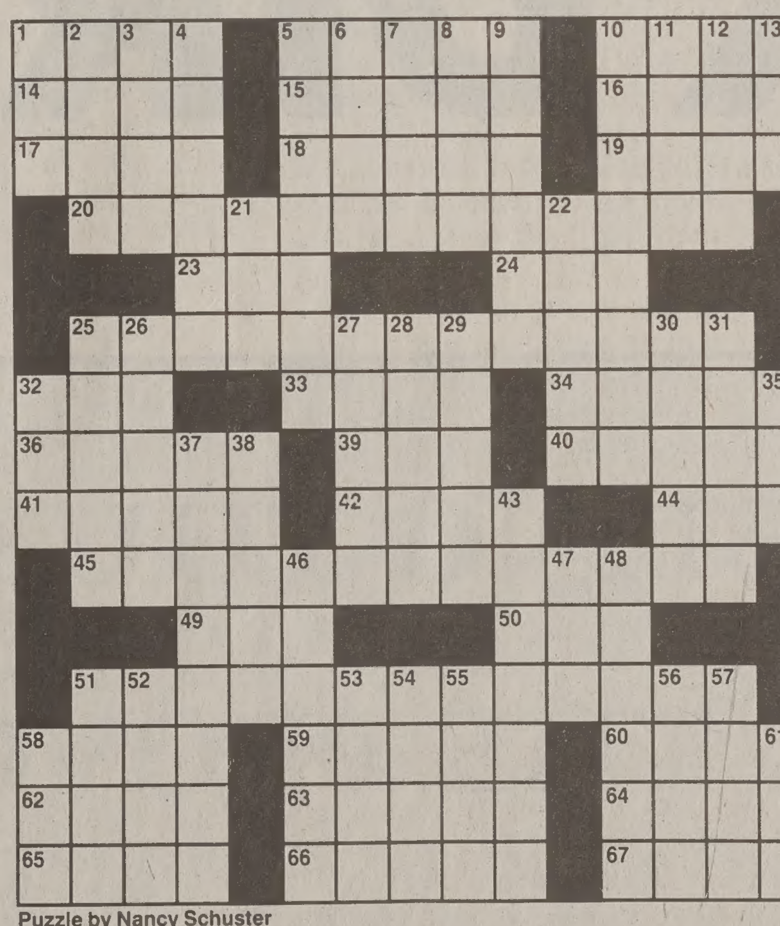

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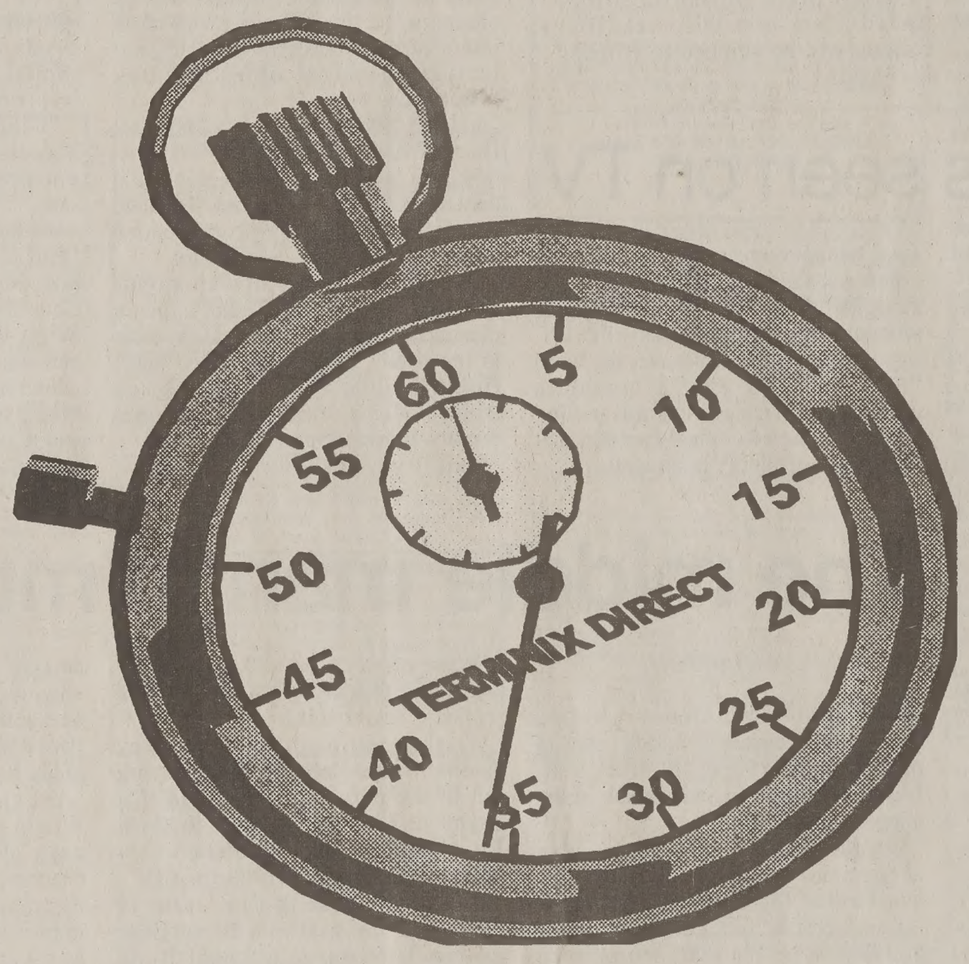

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